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Just keep swimming

Andre Gresham of Niles looks back on 40 years in the pool

NILES — Andre Gresham has taught thousands of people how to swim during his time with the YMCA.

Gresham – who is now 56 – recently celebrated 40 years of service with the YMCA, where has worked as a lifeguard, sports director, membership director, aquatics director, swim instructor and lifeguard instructor.

After working as a day camp counselor and volunteering his time to swim lesson instruction and swim team, Gresham began his career at the Niles-Buchanan YMCA in 1979, as a lifeguard while he was still in high school.

Q&A

ANDRE GRESHAM

The Niles resident would go on to attend Eastern Michigan University, in which he would work as a lifeguard at the Ann Arbor YMCA.

After college, he returned to the YMCA of Southwest Michigan, where he has remained ever since.

It is estimated that Gresham has taught more than 17,000 youth to swim over his four decades with the YMCA.

To this day, he still teaches about 700 youth each year.

Gresham, who serves as the director of youth development for the YMCA, sat down with Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Tony

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Andre Gresham, director of youth development at the Niles-Buchanan YMCA, recently celebrated his 40th anniversary working for the YMCA.

Ice Works

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Professional ice carvers Patrick O'Brien, left, of Fayetteville, N.C., and Jeff Petercsak, of Columbus, Ohio, work on sculptures Saturday during the 16th annual Magical Ice Fest held in downtown St. Joseph.

ABOVE: Shoppers walk past an ice sculpture Saturday during the 16th annual Magical Ice Fest held in downtown St. Joseph.
RIGHT: Professional carver Danny Kissel, of Newville, Pa., uses a chainsaw as he creates an ice sculpture of an alien Saturday during the Magical Ice Fest.

Jobless rates jump in December

Analysts point to seasonal job cuts in construction, hospitality

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Employment levels fell across Southwest Michigan in December.

According to the state's Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives, seasonal job cuts occurred in construction and mining, leisure and hospitality, business services and government throughout the tri-county region.

Some regional metro areas recorded employment improvement in manufacturing. As a result, unemployment rates in many areas inched up.

Over the past year, employment continued to show growth, while unemployment decreased. Jobless rates fell year to year in December.

Allegan County's unemployment rate increased from 2.4 percent in November to 2.8 percent in December, Cass County's unemployment rate rose from 3.3 percent to 3.6 percent, and Berrien County saw its jobless rate rise from 3.1 percent to 3.6 percent.

The Van Buren and Kalamazoo counties region saw its combined unemployment increase slightly from 2.8 percent to 3 percent.

Overall, Michigan finished December with an increase from 3.2 percent to a 3.5 percent jobless rate.

Out of Michigan's 83 counties, Berrien County had the 24th lowest unemployment rate, with Cass coming in at 25th and Van Buren landing at 38th in the state.

Washtenaw County had the lowest rate in the state at 2.2 percent, while Mackinac County was the highest at 17 percent.

A closer look at Berrien

Payroll jobs in Berrien County inched down by 400 in December

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In fight to survive, dairy farmers look for any technological edge

By IVAN MORENO
Associated Press

PICKETT, Wis. — At Rosendale Dairy, each of the 9,000 cows has a microchip implanted in an ear that workers can scan with smartphones for up-to-the-minute information on how the animal is doing – everything from their nutrition to their health history to their productivity. Feed is calibrated to deliver a precise diet and machines handle the milking. In the fields, drones gather data that helps bump up yields for the row crops grown to feed the animals.

Technology has played an important role in agriculture for years but it's become a life and death matter at dairy farms these days, as low milk prices have ratcheted up pressure on farmers to seek every possible efficiency to avoid joining the thousands of operations that have failed.

"If I use 100 bags of seed on a field and I change the way I distribute the seed, I can yield more without a single extra dollar of input," said Matt Wichman, Rosendale's director of agronomy. Such tools "are becoming so economically viable that anybody that's of a decent scale is adopting these," Wichman said.

Technology can mean survival, but it involves a perilous gamble: Will the machines produce savings fast enough to cover the debt they incur?

"The last five years have really been treacherous," said Randy Hallett, who has 85 cows in Casco, Wisconsin, and has spent $33,000 on new milking equipment. He would invest more if his operation could afford it. "I broke even, mostly."

The dairy industry is

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Project seeks input in telling Battle Creek's racial history

By NICK BUCKLEY
By Battle Creek Enquirer

BATTLE CREEK — Memories fade in time, and history can be subjective.

Which is why the Battle Creek Racial History Timeline Project exists. It's an initiative of the Battle Creek Coalition for Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation aimed at giving a voice to those underrepresented in Battle Creek's history books.

"We want to invite members from throughout the community to contribute to a timeline we are creating that identifies stories, facts and events that have happened throughout the history of our country and our city, as it relates to different ethnic groups," said Kimberly Holley, a facilitator with the coalition. "This goes back to the narrative change. We have a vision of creating a multiracial narrative for Battle Creek. And this particular project is a great start at that."

The timeline begins with a document featuring seminal moments in the nation's racial history, with a focus on black history. Community members are invited to share their own family history, which will be appended to the living document, the Battle Creek Enquirer reported.

Jill Anderson, a researcher spearheading the project, spoke of the importance of creating a mechanism for people to offer their personal histories to be documented as part of the community narrative.

"I think it's a time where it's important to be learning about each other so we can create a community instead of division within our close proximity," she said. "A lot of what we're talking about is not just migration. It's about these moments that are important because they were at times awful and painful. We don't want to repeat those. It's important that we keep those memories alive."

A separate project on a chapter of the city's ethnic history has been revitalized by Holley and Anderson.

The Memories from Hamblin project, created by Heritage Battle Creek in 2004 in partnership with the University of Michigan Arts of Citizenship Program, sought to share the oral histories of former residents of The Bottoms.

The Bottoms was the local name for a neighborhood in a low-lying area also called The Flats, resting along the southern bank of the Kalamazoo River.

More than 50 interviews were recorded on tape, while the website that once hosted the research has expired. So Holley and Anderson are leading an effort to digitize the oral histories in the hopes of making the story of the Bottoms more accessible.

"Looking at Battle Creek through the lens of the Bottoms, those are very interesting to listen to and I'm excited to get those out to the public," Anderson said. "Our history in this town not only needs to be grown, but also needs to be preserved."

TIME CAPSULE

Groundhog day? These Hull School students from the Benton Harbor district were looking for sunshine on Jan. 28, 1959, to make sure the work they've done with shovels and hands on Territorial Road near their school didn't melt and disappear. The Benton Township youngsters were, bottom row, from left: Steve Kirby, Tom Hendrickson, Richard Mendell, Larry Hendrickson, Terry Mendell and Wayne Kennedy. Steve and Arnold Blocker are on the high parapet behind the others.

Time Capsule, which runs every Monday, takes a look back through the HP photo archives. If you would like to share a nostalgic comment about this photo, please join the discussion on our Facebook page: facebook.com/HeraldPalladium.

LOTTERIES

Sunday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QH-2C-8D-5H-5S
Midday Daily 3
1-4-8
Midday Daily 4
3-3-0-5
Daily 3
4-9-6
Daily 4
1-8-4-8
Fantasy 5
03-20-21-28-38
Keno
01-10-11-13-15-23-27-28-31-45-46-47-52-53-59-60-62-68-71-75-78-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$168 million
Powerball jackpot
$50 million

Saturday drawings

Michigan
Powerball lotto
12-33-54-57-60, Powerball: 13, Power Play: 4
Indiana
Cash 5
06-20-23-24-30
Cash4Life
01-12-22-33-42, Cash Ball: 4
Lotto Plus
11-12-29-30-33-45
Quick Draw Midday
04-06-07-08-10-14-22-29-32-36-38-40-43-46-47-53-71-72-76-77, BE: 76
Daily Three-Midday
2-5-5, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
5-8-8, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
1-6-3-4, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
8-1-6-6, SB: 5
Quick Draw Evening
03-04-05-11-21-22-23-27-29-32-41-42-43-46-52-54-66-74-76-80, BE: 74
Hoosier Lotto
13-23-39-40-41-46
Illinois
Lotto
01-03-06-08-23-47, Extra Shot: 5
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
06-14-17-23-38
Pick Three-Midday
1-3-3, Fireball: 3
Pick Three-Evening
3-0-4, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Midday
3-9-2-7, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Evening
0-8-0-8, Fireball: 7
Lucky Day Lotto
10-26-27-29-38

– The Associated Press

LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

How Southwest Michigan legislators voted recently on Senate and House bills.
Y = Yes, N = No, X = Not Voting

Senate Bill 385, Repeal ticket scalping ban, restrict ticket resale websites: Passed 28 to 10 in the Senate
To repeal a state law that bans ticket "scalping" at sports and entertainment events, but prohibit the sale or use of software primarily designed to interfere with an event sponsor's internet ticket sale operation, or a website that is designed to ensure an equitable ticket allocation process. Among other things the bill adds restrictions that target operations that buy-up a substantial portion of the tickets for an event with the intent of manipulating the price.
21 Sen. Kim LaSata R – Bainbridge Township Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt R – Lawton Y

Senate Bill 517, Require state to study converting some freeways to toll roads: Passed 31 to 7 in the Senate
To require the state Department of Transportation to contract for a study on the feasibility of charging tolls on some interstate freeways in Michigan, including revenue projections, optimal tolling rates, vehicle counts, traffic diversion and more. Also, to assert as "the intent of the legislature" that the state apply to the federal government for permission to convert some interstate freeways to toll roads.
21 Sen. Kim LaSata R – Bainbridge Township Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt R – Lawton Y

Senate Bill 515, Require road construction cost trend report: Passed 37 to 1 in the Senate
To require the state Department of Transportation to create or contract for a highway construction cost index to measure inflation in road and bridge projects with historical patterns and future projections, post it on the internet, and produce quarterly reports on the trends that the index makes visible.
21 Sen. Kim LaSata R – Bainbridge Township Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt R – Lawton Y

Senate Bill 714, Ease high water erosion control permit mandates: Passed 22 to 16 in the Senate
To revise restrictions on Great Lakes waterfront property owners when water levels are high, so as to allow temporary erosion control structures without having to undergo the process of trying to get a state permit, subject to notification requirements and using approved materials. The material would have to be removed or a permit acquired within 78 weeks.
21 Sen. Kim LaSata R – Bainbridge Township Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt R – Lawton Y

House Bill 4126, Require retail marijuana pregnancy warning labels: Passed 34 to 2 in the Senate
To impose a warning label requirement on producers and sellers of recreational marijuana that is focused on women who are pregnant or breastfeeding. Products would be required to have a label warning pregnant women that use may result in "fetal injury, preterm birth, low birth weight, or developmental problems for the child." Retailers would have to give every buyer a pamphlet measuring 3.5 inches by 5 inches that includes safety information related to marijuana use by minors, and a poison control hotline number. House Bill 4127 was also passed to require the same for medical marijuana.
21 Sen. Kim LaSata R – Bainbridge Township Y
26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt R – Lawton N

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Confusion over what data schools can provide for 2020 Census

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The U.S. Census Bureau this week starts its process of counting students living in college-run housing, but there's confusion over what demographic information university officials can share with the agency.

Two weeks ago, the U.S. Department of Education said in a memo to schools that they couldn't, if asked, provide information about students' sex, race and Hispanic origin for the 2020 Census. Now the department says schools are able to furnish such data if they strip away anything that could identify a student.

The department's new position was issued last week in a revision of a memo it sent out last month to universities about how students living in college housing should be counted.

The 2020 Census form "asks for information about the student's sex, Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, and race," said the original memo issued on Jan. 14. "However, school officials may not disclose this information, without prior written consent from the student."

The revised memo says schools can furnish the demographic information provided "such data is de-identified."

The memo's author, Kala Suprenant, acting director of the Student Privacy Policy Office, and the agency's press office, didn't immediately respond Sunday to emails inquiring about the reason for the change. The revised memo noted that the office had received questions from universities about the earlier memo.

Much is at stake: the 2020 count will help determine the allocation of $1.5 trillion in federal spending and how many congressional seats each state gets.

The last Census in 2010 found more than 2.5 million students living in dorms or on-campus fraternity of sorority houses, the largest segment of what the Census Bureau refers to as "group quarters," which also include prisons, jails and nursing homes.

And because of the difficulty in counting students, the Census Bureau will start reaching out to college campuses this week to collect information about student housing.

At risk is getting a complete count of the students living in college-run housing. Under the old version of the memo, a decades-old privacy law would have prohibited schools from providing the Census Bureau with information on students' sex, race and Hispanic origin, if the students didn't fill out the forms asking about those demographic details.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act says students need to provide written consent before information from their records can be shared, but an exception is made for what is called "directory information." Directory information includes facts often found in student handbooks or yearbooks, such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, activities and dates of attendance. Directory information doesn't include sex, race or Hispanic origin, and the school can't provide any information about students who have opted out of sharing directory information.

The Census Bureau is giving campuses three ways to fill out the forms. A census taker can drop off paper forms to a university liaison to distribute to students, and then the students return them in sealed envelopes so the liaison can hand them back to the census taker. A census taker can knock on doors in the dorm or house and personally interview residents, the most costly method. Or, a university representative can fill out the form for everyone living there using administrative records – the most efficient method.

Cleanup costs of algae from Michigan lake worry homeowners

ST. CLAIR SHORES (AP) — People who live along the shores of Lake St. Clair in southeastern Michigan are wondering how much it will cost them to clean up a sludge-like substance that recently washed up on their properties.

Tests of samples taken from one property in Macomb County showed the substance to be decaying algae containing E. coli bacteria, the county health department said in a release.

Health officials have said the algae presents "no imminent public health hazard." But to vacuum the material up using a sanitary truck and then dispose it could cost about $10,000 per home, according to Ryan Siarkowski, the owner of Synergy Development Specialist.

It will cost more if a homeowner also removes the soil beneath the material, said Siarkowski, who noted that every house would be different.

Bill Morrison told the Detroit Free Press that he now has to determine how to get rid of the substance, which has crept into his backyard.

"We don't have any solutions yet," said Morrison, who along with his wife recently purchased their home in the city of St. Clair Shores. "It's one more headache we don't need."

Macomb County Environmental Health Director Andrew Cox told the newspaper that the substance is very unlikely to be sewage and is "a biological material" that could be disposed of in the same way as grass clippings and yard waste.

Lake St. Clair feeds into the Detroit River and is part of the waterway linking lakes Huron and Erie. High water levels, wind and weather made conditions ripe for the greenish-blackish and stringy substance to wash up on shore, said Cox.

Cox said he doesn't know what kind of algae is in the substance or the specific source of the E. coli, but that bacteria counts were below the reporting limit.

"It came from the lake. It's natural material," Cox said.

If the substance was raw sewage, the count would be "much, much higher," he said.

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Katie Zachary of SJ named Miss Spirit of Blossomtime

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — Katie Zachary of St. Joseph was named Miss Spirit of Blossomtime on Jan. 25 at the St. Joseph High School Auditorium, according to Blossomtime officials.

ZACHARY

Zachary was the first runner-up in the Miss St. Joseph contest. She is the daughter of Cindy Zachary and a senior at St. Joseph High School.

Zachary plans to pursue her love of cosmetology and one day open her own salon. She will receive a $450 scholarship award and various gifts and prizes for being crowned Miss Spirit of Blossomtime 2020. Zachary is involved in several church and youth group activities such as AWANA. In addition, she has volunteered for Toys for Tots and the Berrien County Foster Care Program. She participates in track and volleyball and is currently involved in the dual enrollment program through Berrien County RESA.

Saturday's pageant marked the eighth annual Miss Spirit competition, which is held once all the communities have held their contests. It is open to all first runners-up, and offers one more young woman the opportunity to enjoy the many events and activities her sister queens will participate in. Zachary will go on to compete in the Showcase of Queens awards (photogenic, communication and entertainment) at the Mr. Blossomtime and Showcase of Queens Pageant, and she is eligible for all awards and placements awarded at the Miss Blossomtime Pageant. This year's Blossomtime Pageant will be held on March 15-16 at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center in Benton Harbor.

Nineteen contestants competed for the Miss Spirit title. The People's Choice award voted on by the pageant attendees was won by Adriyanna Winters, who was the first runner-up to Miss Watervliet.

Mr. Blossomtime and the Showcase of Queens will be held Sunday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at LMC Mendel Center. Miss Blossomtime will be held Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at Mendel. Tickets for each night are $20 and will be available this month, by calling or e-mailing the Blossomtime Festival Office at 269-861-0998, or email office@blossomtimefestival.org.

Taking the Plunge

Don Campbell / HP staff

Hundreds of people gather to watch as contestants, including Spiderman, take the plunge during the Berrien County Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Michigan, Saturday at Watermark Brewing Co., in downtown Stevensville.

IN BRIEF

Lincoln library seeks board members

STEVENSVILLE — Lincoln Township Public Library is seeking new board members for four-year terms, beginning December 2020.

"We are seeking those who are passionate about serving their local library and ensuring we provide an excellent resource for our community," said Board President Linda Stocker.

Potential candidates for these volunteer positions must be Lincoln Township residents. Paperwork is available at the Lincoln Township office at 2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville. Applications must be filed with Berrien County by April 21 for the Nov. 3, 2020, election.

For more information, visit https://lincolntownshiplibrary.org/contact-staff to send an email with any questions to library staff.

MSP looking for robbery suspect

DECATUR — Police are looking for a man who robbed the Midway Grocery in Hamilton Township Saturday.

Michigan State Police (MSP) Paw Paw Post reported in a news release that they were called to the store on the report that a Hispanic man in his 30s robbed the store at gunpoint.

Surveillance footage from the store, at M-51 and 92nd Avenue, shows a man, wearing a dark colored hooded jacket, dark colored pants, gray shoes, gray gloves, and a light-colored bandana covering his face entering the store and threatening an employee with a handgun. The man is seen taking cash from the till and a bottle of wine from the counter. The suspect then flees southbound from the store.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the MSP at 657-5551.

Detroit development to offer housing to LGBTQ homeless

DETROIT (AP) — Several dozens apartments meant mainly for homeless members of the LGBTQ community are being developed in Detroit.

The Detroit News reported Sunday that the more than $10 million project should be completed in the middle of next year.

The 43-unit, mixed-use housing is a collaboration between the Ruth Ellis Center and a Chicago-based non-profit developer, Full Circle Communities.

The executive director of the Ruth Ellis Center, Jerry Peterson, said a variety of services will be offered, including access to primary care doctors and mental health counseling.

Peterson says the target group for the units are LGBTQ people between 18 and 25.

Court throws out 50-year sentence for man who killed wife

GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP (AP) — The Michigan appeals court has thrown out a 50-year prison sentence for a former Cub Scout leader and teacher who was convicted of killing his wife.

Andrew Farley Jr. of Grand Blanc Township was convicted of second-degree murder. But the appeals court said a Genesee County judge sentenced him as if he had been convicted of premeditated first-degree murder.

The appeals court last week applied a 2019 Michigan Supreme Court decision and sent the case back to Flint.

Farley's guidelines had called for a minimum prison sentence between 13 years and 22 years.

Investigators said Farley in 2014 struck Tiffany Caine-Smith Farley with a flashlight and stabbed her six times.

Monroe County sheriff's office probed

MONROE (AP) — Federal authorities are investigating a southeastern Michigan law enforcement agency in connection with the possible misuse of grant funding.

The Department of Homeland Security and the Office of Inspector General have been looking into grants provided to the Monroe County sheriff's office, The Monroe News reported Saturday.

Grants from the funding program have been used to pay overtime on drug cases and investigations.

"In July of last year, I was informed by an employee that on two separate occasions within the previous year two employees may have submitted or attempted to submit for ... grant overtime and didn't work as scheduled," Sheriff Dale Malone told the newspaper. "The matter was turned over to an outside agency for review. Our officers are cooperating in the investigation."

Pokagon Fund announces new executive director

By HP STAFF

NEW BUFFALO — After an extensive multi-state search, The Pokagon Fund's board of directors has named Dan Petersen as the organization's third full-time executive director, effective today, according to a news release.

PETERSEN

The search was assisted by the Michigan office of DHR International, an industry leader in the recruitment of senior level executives. The previous executive director, Janet Cocciarelli, resigned in June 2019 to spend more time with her family in the Grand Rapids area after providing nearly four years of leadership and refining TPF's grantmaking priorities. John Krsul has served as interim executive director since Cocciarelli's departure.

"The Pokagon Fund is a unique resource with a demonstrated history of making strategic, impactful investments in local community development initiatives and in the human potential," Petersen said in the release. "Its impact is apparent and incredible. I am honored and excited to begin work with the board, grantees, community partners, and the many caring individuals in The Pokagon Fund's service area who are dedicated to serving these communities and enhancing the lives of the individuals in them.

For the past 10 years, Petersen, 38, has held senior leadership positions with a nonprofit human service agency in mid-Michigan with diverse programming that includes early childhood education, basic needs assistance, housing and homelessness, senior volunteerism, home energy efficiency, advocacy for abused/neglected children, a summer camp for individuals with disabilities, and others. In the late 2000s, he worked as the community development director for the city of Ironwood, Mich. He has earned a master of public administration degree from Grand Valley State University and a law degree from Western Michigan University – Cooley Law School.

"The Pokagon Fund is poised to enter a new era of activity and engagement in order to address issues that are vital to the success of the communities it serves," said TPF board Chairman Rob Gow. "Dan's credentials, coupled with his approachable demeanor and results-oriented approach to community problems, makes him the right fit to help TPF maximize its positive impact in the fulfillment of its strategic goals to support education, reduce the impact of poverty and enhance community vitality."

The Pokagon Fund is a nonprofit private foundation located in New Buffalo. It is funded by revenue from The Four Winds Casino Resort. Grants are awarded to nonprofit and governmental organizations in Southwest Michigan, as well as Hartford and Dowagiac in Michigan, and South Bend, Ind. Since the organization's inception in 2007, The Pokagon Fund has provided more than $26 million in grant awards and scholarships. More information about TPF can be found on its website, www.pokagonfund.org.

Andrews plans Black History Month events

By HP STAFF

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Andrews University will celebrate Black History Month all this month with a variety of activities, speakers and events, university officials said in a news release.

This year's Black History Month celebration at Andrews will revolve around the concept of "Origins." The historic origins of people of African descent have many roots and branches. As such, the issues of identity depend on where the story begins and the knowledge of history.

Black Student Christian Forum Spirit Week takes place this week, starting today and running through Saturday. Then, throughout the month, various speakers will share different aspects of "Origins" at short courses held every Tuesday.

Dr. Morgan Medlock will serve as the speaker for several key events. She will explore the topic of "Origins" for Black History Chapel on Feb. 13, Impact Vespers on Feb. 14, and Celebration Sabbath on Feb. 15 in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

Medlock received her medical degree from Mayo Clinic School of Medicine. She also completed a master of divinity degree at Andrews University and a master of public health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. After completing adult psychiatry training at Massachusetts General Hospital, she matriculated through the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard Medical School Fellowship in Minority Health Policy.

Other Black History Month events include The Agora, BSCF The Blackout, BSAS Blackventist Praise, and Black Like Me (Love & Relationships). For more information about Black History Month and to see a full schedule of events, please visit: https://www.andrews.edu/life/blackhistory/events/index.html

Berrien RESA to interview 3 superintendent candidates Tuesday

Public invited to attend interviews

By HP STAFF

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien RESA Board of Education is moving forward in the selection of a new superintendent, according to a news release.

Superintendent Dr. Kevin M. Ivers has announced his retirement effective at the end of this school year. Eleven educational leaders applied for the position. The board reviewed the applications and has invited three educators to be interviewed. The process has been facilitated by the Michigan Leadership Institute.

The interviews will be held on Tuesday. They are open to the public. All interviews will be held at the Berrien RESA Administrative Conference Center, at 711 St. Joseph Avenue in Berrien Springs.

The interview schedule on Tuesday is as follows:

- 1 p.m. – Matthew Wandrie, superintendent, Lapeer Public Schools;
- 2:30 p.m. – Eric Hoppstock, assistant superintendent, Berrien RESA;
- 4 p.m. – Blake Prewitt, superintendent, Lakeview Public Schools.

"We were pleased with the number of quality applicants who demonstrated interest in Berrien RESA," said board President Cathy Bair in the release. "The board understands the importance of this decision and the impact the new superintendent will have on our children, schools and communities. We look forward to finding out more about the candidates' leadership abilities and what each candidate has to offer. The Board has appreciated the input from the public and encourages everyone to attend the interviews."

The board hopes to have the position determined by mid-February.

hp OUR TOWN

Have news for 'Our Town'?

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HONOR ROLL

Dowagiac Middle School

Honor roll – 4.0

6th grade: Bryanna Behnke, Sharey Cruz, Riley de Varona, Tessa Deering, Justin Feirick, Haley Henry, Jocelyn Kiner, Emma Krohn, Kylie Lynch, Hanah McCuddy, Johannah McDonald, Manzano Ramirez, Alayna Rogalski, Mya Vazquez, Addison Wilson

7th grade: Merrill Adams, Avery Amundsen, Elizabeth Bale, Lauren Balsbaugh, Guadalupe Brito, Rebecca Guernsey, Nevaeh Hemminger, Angel Hernandez, Sophie Kirtdoll, Zachary Kroepel, Emerson Kruger, Brenna Mott, Markus Ottinger, Colin Parker, Carlee Spagnoli, Emma Stanger

8th grade: Abbey Dobberstein, Hayley Jones, Hazel Kelly, Laura Schaller, Dane Spagnoli

High honors

6th grade: Tyler Ausra, Lawson Bailey, David Bautista-Gonzalez Jr., Alivia Bell, Salvador Blanco Jr., Rowan James Bradford, Andres Brito Jr., Chase Button, Marlie Carpenter, Jessmarie Chavez, Dianely Cruz, Natalie Green, Navarrah Hemminger, Samantha Hernandez, Quentin Hill, Scotty Hodges II, Kameron Holmes, Aliayah Huddleston, Emily Hunt, Amara Irvin, Andrew Johnson II, Zi'merian Jones, Marcus Keller, Jaden Kusch, Desarae Landrum, Tatiyana Lara, Kyler Marshall, Timothy Masterman Jr., Sebastian Miranda, Isabel Napier, Isaac Phillips, Reanna Pompey, Isabella Razo, Devin Rock, Artie Ruiz, Jade Rybarczyk, Zabrina Shivers, Olivia Stockwell, Austin Thunell, Mallory Towns, Cindy Vega-Calderon, Liliana Velasco-Elisalde, Isaiah Weatherspoon, Kai Willis, Cole Wimberley, Cory Zimmerman II

7th grade: Amelia Bakeman, Aaron Bonczynski, Emma Bontrager, Mason Bressler, Javier Carrillo, Misael Castillo, Julianna Chavez, Arianna Cole, Deonna Cross, Jaden Gant, Lilyana Gray, Hayden Groth, Tyler Hannapel, Aubrianna Hathaway, Lluvia Hernandez, Rylee Hudson, Hannah Kiggins, Malayna Klug, Alexis Lewis, Johnathan Malin, Raymond Maynard, Ella Parker, Sienna Potter, Alainna Preston, Zariah Pulliam, Tanner Roberts, Rachel Saldivar, Kaleb Smith, Brandy Starling, Elijah Stout, Skyla Tackitt, Rylei Thielmann, Jillian Torbet, Arishai Wakefield, Austin West, Justin Zeleznikar

8th grade: Alivia Ausra, Hunter Ausra, Alexus Bond, Braylon Brown, Andrew Bryant, Elizabeth Burns, Aubrey Busby, Olivia Donoho, Cayden Dorman, Morgan Gaideski, Alexandra Gasca, Talan Gilliam, Faith Green, Natasha Griggs, Ximena Hernandez, Isiah Hill, Ty'lisia Horton-Epps, Jamie Howard, Madison Kurzhal, Mason Maggert, Kamden Nelson, Jess Pinkowski, Jenna Pressley, Jacob Rial, Drayton Rusher, Anslie Saylor, Abbigail Scott, Brooklyn Smith, Luke Spagnoli, Maxwell Stelmasiak, Kayden Stokes, Taylor Tillman, Colby Towns, Jayden Vandenburg, Maggie Weller, Molly Wheeler

Honors

6th grade: Jesus Bautista-Gonzalez, Sapphire Bentley, Douglas Bouskill Jr., Jozilyn Cardenas, Shamyra Clark, Karla Collett, Matthew Davis, Brayden Diaz-Irvin, Hanna Gnodtke, Luis Gonzalez Cardenas, Dakota Higgins, Chase Karnes, Frank Kelly, Jozey Lafferty, Ashton Maleski, Zaelon Maleski, Hayley McNeil, Elena Murray, Aalyiah Northrop, Ella O'Farrell, Roman Paredes, Trevon Peterson Evans, Darrian Raab, Jayden Rank, Kaden Rankin, Cassidy Ruiz, Trenton Schar, Mason Servis, Chyanne Skorupa, Jordyn Stuck, Marilyn Tobin, Riley Todd, Coby Vaughn, Armani Villalobos, Skyler Vincek, Cameron White, Ja'myia Williams, Evelyn Wynbelt

7th grade: Bryonna Arnold, Jared Aviles, Dylan Birdsey, Payton Bortz, Ariel Boyer, Payton Brown, Benjamin Caviness II, Cal Chapman, Meg Charles, Jonathan Dash, Ruth Diaz, Arlaina Dudley, Chloe Eubank, Isaiah Fitchett, Chase Frazier, Braeden Gillesby, Halle Gnodtke, Cassidy Green, Kimberly Guzman Bello, Hayden Hagemann, Andres Hernandez, Autumn Little, Greysen Lozada, Savannah Mabus, Karen Mandujano, Chase Morse, Keana Nelson, Ayden Pond, Myrissa Rowe, Brian Seals, Elizabeth Shaer, Trinity Stephens, Jeorgia Vann-Mincey, Devean Whitaker

8th grade: Michael Burks, Jayden Carpenter, McKenna Danzy, Harris Dodson, Katherine Felthouse, Nicholas Fryman, Nicholas Green, Brenden Hart, Sydney Hatch, Theodore Hoekstra IV, Trinnidy Jurgens, Timothy King, Neka Langley, Jorge Meza, Anthony Munson, Gabriella Neumann, Anglina Ochoa, Brenton Orrick, Ariel Peters, Connor Roberts, Bryan Sanchez-Trejo, Blake Sheffer, Skylar Solomon, A'shyla Washington, Cody White, Madisyn Williams

Brian Kuemin reelected MAFE president

KUEMIN

The Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions recently reelected Cass County resident Brian Kuemin for his third term as president.

"MAFE normally elects their presidents for two terms, and I am very honored to serve this organization in this capacity," Kuemin said in a news release.

Fairs in the MAFE drew 4.5 million visitors during their fair weeks, and another 2 million visited those same fairgrounds during off-season events.

"Fairs make a significant impact on Michigan's economy," Kuemin said. "To put it into local perspective, Cass County has approximately 50,000 residents, and we have about 45,000 people attending our fair."

Lisa Reiff, MAFE executive director said, "Brian has done a remarkable job as president of MAFE, not just for this organization, but for fairs in the entire state. He brings so much knowledge to the position and his enthusiasm is infectious. He has testified before committees in Lansing and does so much to promote this industry."

Kuemin, who has served on the Cass County Fair Board for 24 years, is celebrating his second year as president locally.

"If ever there is someone that has 'fair' running through his blood, it is Brian," Patty Dohm said in the release. "I've known him since he was in high school, working for us in the 4-H office of MSU Extension as summer youth help, and it doesn't surprise me that he does such a great job. He is, and always has been, extremely dedicated to this."

In his spare time, Kuemin is a Michigan High School Athletic Association wrestling official, and the co-head official of the Southwest Michigan Youth Wrestling Association. He has been officiating for 14 years.

He and his wife, Melody, have been 4-H leaders for 28 years, enjoying working with the youth that drive and show their Haflinger horses.

Last month, his daughter, Courtney, was hired by the Berrien County Youth Fair as its communication and development coordinator.

"Fair is all she has ever known, she's a natural," Kuemin said. "I was elected to the Cass Fair Board right after she was born, and our favorite family trips were visiting other fairs all over the state. And this will be great ... I can work at my fair, then go watch her work all week at hers."

Lions donate to Lakeshore robotics team

Photo provided

The Lakeshore Lions Club presented a $1,000 check to the Lakeshore robotics team on Jan. 21. The 2020 game is "Infinite Rechange." The 25-member Lakeshore team will have its robot ready to compete March 6 at their first competition of the year at St. Joseph High School.

Teen Creative Writing Challenge judges finalized

The sponsors of the Southwest Michigan Teen Creative Writing Challenge have finalized the panel of judges for the 2020 competition.

The challenge, open to students in grades 7-12, has five categories: Comics, Cover Art, Fiction, Flash Fiction and Poetry.

This year's comics judges are graphic designer/artist Brandon Elrod of Kalamazoo; Angela Sisk, creator of Numina; and Jake Rohdy of Dowagiac.

Judging the fiction division will be Rich Frantz, English instructor and founding member of the Beckwith Theatre Company; Jenny Phillips, author of The Broken Soul Series; and Linda Read of Lawrence.

Flash Fiction, works of 500 words of fewer, will be judged by Southwestern Michigan College English instructor Teri Frantz; Brian Johnston, writer and adult services librarian at Lincoln Township Public Library; and Monica Luke, English teacher at Buchanan Public Schools.

Poetry judges will be Mary A. Hoebeke, Cass District Library Board of Trustees; Monica McMichael; and Debora Stermer, principal at Sam Adams Elementary in Cassopolis.

Cover Art judges will be David Baker, Mary Brodbeck and Jeff Matejovsky.

Each writing category is divided into three divisions based on grade: 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12.

IN BRIEF

Teaching scholarships available from MARSP

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel – Berrien County has $1,500 Dorothy Hawks Scholarships available for the fall.

The scholarships are available to current sophomores, juniors and seniors who have been accepted into a teaching program at their Michigan college or university.

Applicants must be graduates of a Berrien County high school and have a B average.

Applications are available on request by emailing candamolitor@comcast.net. They must be returned by April 15.

Preschool open house is Sunday at St. Paul's

STEVENSVILLE — St. Paul's Lutheran School, 2673 W. John Beers Road, will host a preschool open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

Attendees can tour classrooms, meet teachers and staff, and get additional information about the preschool program.

Next 24/7 Dad program starts Feb. 11 in Paw Paw

PAW PAW — Beginning Feb. 11, Van Buren County Friend of the Court Office will begin another 12-session workshop designed to give fathers the parenting, relationship and communication skills they need to be involved, responsible and committed fathers.

The program, 24/7 Dad, is facilitated by Aaron Rosecrans and Abel Muñoz.

Sessions will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Paw Paw District Library, 609 W. Michigan Ave. Food will be served at every session.

This community-based program helps men develop the attitudes, knowledge, and skills they need to get, and stay, involved with their children. 24/7 Dad focuses on key fathering characteristics – like masculinity, discipline and work/family balance – and helps men evaluate their own parenting skills, as well as their fathering role models.

Topics will include family history, discipline, the father's role, men's health, co-parenting, communication, dads and work, and emotions.

For more info, call 657-7734.

Walk in, or register in advance at vb247dad.eventbrite.com.

Lest We Forget meets Wednesday morning

BENTON HARBOR — Lest We Forget will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday – refreshments at 9:30 – at Southwest Michigan Regional Airport, 1123 Territorial Road.

Keith Ross of the South Bend Mobile Veterans Center will speak, and Berrien County Veterans Service Officer Lee Lull will have an update.

Camera Club meets Wednesday night

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien Springs Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Berrien Springs Community Library, 215 W. Union St.

This month's program is a competition of images with the subject "Below the Knee."

File naming convention is: BTN_PhotoTitle_Name.jpg sized to meet 1920-by-1280 pixels.

The object of this competition is to capture images where the position of the camera is lower than the knees of the photographer.

The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Sorority hosts free event

BENTON HARBOR — Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Iota Iota Omega Chapter will host free Zumba fitness and heart health tips for women from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday.

The event will be in the activity center at Second Baptist Church, 1400 Jennings Ave.

Decatur library to host Ancestry.com workshop

DECATUR — Webster Memorial Library, 200 N. Phelps St., will host a free Ancestry.com workshop at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The workshop will illustrate the differences between the Library Edition of Ancestry.com, and what subscribers have access to at home. The class also will cover instruction on research methods, constructing family trees and more.

The online genealogy site, launched by Ancestry Publishing in 1996, contains 20 billion records, 100 million family trees, 13 billion ancestral profiles, records from 80 countries and more than 6 billion records for the U.S.

However, access is not free for home users. Monthly subscriptions vary between $24 and $49.99.

However, Van Buren District Library offers free access to the site at all of its locations: Bangor, Bloomingdale, Covert, Gobles, Lawrence, Mattawan and Decatur.

For more information, or to register, call 423-4771, email info@vbdl.org, or visit the library.

Flea market returns next 2 weekends in New Troy

NEW TROY — The indoor flea market returns to the New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Feb. 15.

The market usually includes tools, crafts, books, memorabilia, housewares, antiques, furniture and locally made and locally grown goodies.

Lunch and snacks will be provided by Red Brick Cafe.

For more information, or to reserve a table, call Donald at 773-803-9773.

Proceeds from space rentals benefit the Community Center, an all-volunteer facility run by the nonprofit Friends of New Troy.

TCP now accepting scholarship applications

ST. JOSEPH — Twin City Players now has application forms available online for the 2020 Brian Swiger Memorial Scholarship.

TCP established the scholarship in 1996 in memory of former member Brian Swiger. Scholarships of up to $1,000 are earmarked for seniors graduating from Berrien County high schools who have demonstrated a strong interest in theater-related activities during their academic careers.

Winners, however, can use the award money to pursue any field of study at any accredited college, university, trade school or arts education institution.

Applications are available online at twincityplayers.org, or by calling 429-0400 to request an application. Students also can contact their school counselors to learn more.

Applications can be returned to Twin City Players, P.O. Box 243, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or hand deliver to the TCP Playhouse at 600 W. Glenlord Road in St. Joseph.

Applications must be received by March 31. The recipient(s) will be announced in late May.

The scholarship is awarded based on school and community activities, TCP involvement, a GPA of 2.5 or better, and a short essay.

Benton Harobr library hosts Valentine's event

BENTON HARBOR — The Wednesday Wow family program returns to Benton Harbor Public Library, 213 E. Wall St., from 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

This week's program will feature Valentine's Day stories and crafts.

Receive tax help at Benton Harbor library

BENTON HARBOR — Tax volunteers will visit Benton Harbor Public Library, 213 E. Wall St., on Thursday on a first-come, first-served basis.

The tax assistance program will be available at the library every Thursday through April 9.

Trump speech to project optimism at time of bitter division

By JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Standing before lawmakers in the grand-domed Capitol where his impeachment trial is still underway, President Donald Trump on Tuesday night will declare the state of the union strong, even when it is bitterly divided as he asks Americans for a second term.

After becoming just the third president in U.S. history to be impeached, Trump will try to move forward, aides say, offering an optimistic message that stresses economic growth in his annual address before Congress.

But the impeachment drama will hang over him as he stands before the very lawmakers who have voted to remove him from office – and those who are expected to acquit him Wednesday when the Senate trial comes to a close. Any attempt to try to be a messenger for unity will surely be dismissed at a time of palpable anger and rancor, much of which he has helped generate on both sides of the divide.

Senior administration officials were tight-lipped about the extent to which Trump would mention his impeachment, which he has denounced as a "witch hunt" orchestrated by Democrats to try to undo the results of the 2016 election and harm his reelection chances this November. They stressed this his prime-time speech was still a work in progress.

But they said Trump sees the speech as an opportunity to talk about moving the country ahead, contrast his vision with Democrats' and try to make the case to voters that he deserves four more years in the White House.

"We're really looking to giving a very, very positive message," Trump told reporters Sunday during a Super Bowl watch party.

"This has been a very partisan process and this is an opportunity for him to unify

Charlie Neibergall / AP

President Donald Trump reacts to audience members during a campaign rally Thursday at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

the country around opportunities for all Americans," added White House spokeswoman Jessica Ditto.

Trump will spend much of the speech highlighting the economy's strength, including the low employment rate, stressing how it has helped blue-collar workers and the middle class. A focus will be the new trade agreements he has negotiated, including his phase-one deal with China and the United States-Mexico-Canada agreement he signed last week.

It's a familiar message to anyone who has ever tuned into one of the president's rallies. But it's one the White House believes will reach a broader audience and have a more potent impact given the venue, especially among independent voters. His campaign has been courting these voters as it works to stitch together a winning coalition for his reelection.

"Once again, it will present that opportunity for the American people to see how much has been done that not necessarily has been showcased," said Ditto. "This is one of the president's best opportunities to talk about his record unfiltered with a captive audience."

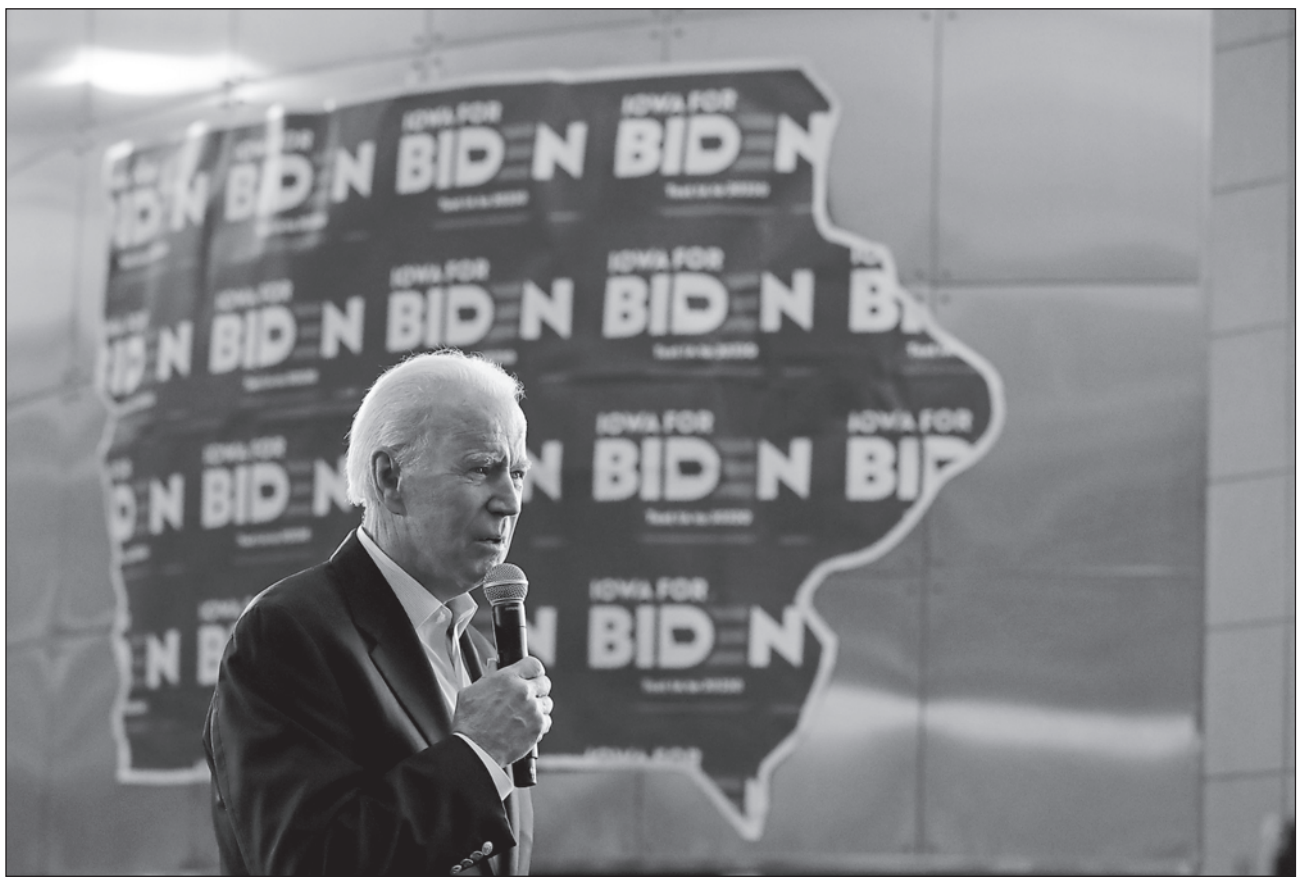
The speech will include a section on health care. Aides say Trump is expected to go after what one official described as the "radical proposals being floated on the left," including the call by some Democratic presidential candidates for "Medicare for All." He will highlight efforts to reduce drug prices, end surprise medical billing and tackle the opioid epidemic, urging members of Congress to pass legislation to back his efforts.

While the White House said the president will have message of unity, he will also spend time on issues that have created great division and resonated with his political base. He will again highlight his signature issue – immigration – trumpeting the miles of border wall that have been constructed. He will once again excoriate "sanctuary cities" as dangerous criminal havens.

He will again dedicate a section to "American values," discussing efforts to protect "religious liberties" and limit access to abortions as he continues to court the evangelical and conservative Christian voters who form a crucial part of his base.

In addition, he will press Congress to pass legislation encouraging alternatives to traditional public schools and highlight passage of mandatory paid leave for federal workers. He will try to make the case that the U.S. government is leading by example and send a clear "signal" to the private sector to follow suit, one aide said.

He also will discuss foreign policy and national security at length.



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Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks during a campaign event Sunday in Dubuque, Iowa.

Anxiety, unpredictability cloud Iowa caucus finish

By JULIE PACE and SARA BURNETT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — On the eve of the Iowa caucuses, Democratic presidential candidates hustled across the state on Sunday trying to fire up voters and make one last appeal to those struggling to reach a final decision about their choice in the crowded field.

Campaigns and voters acknowledged a palpable sense of unpredictability and anxiety as Democrats begin choosing which candidate to send on to a November face-off with President Donald Trump.

The Democratic race is unusually large and jumbled heading into Monday's caucus, with four candidates locked in a fight for victory in Iowa and others still in position to pull off surprisingly strong finishes.

Polls show Biden in a tight race in Iowa with Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, as well as former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and entrepreneur Andrew Yang are also competing aggressively in the state.

Many campaigns were looking to a final weekend poll to provide some measure of clarity. But late Saturday, CNN and The Des Moines Register opted not to release the survey because of worries the results may have been compromised.

New caucus rules have also left the campaigns working in overdrive to set expectations. For the first time, the Iowa Democratic Party will release three sets of results: who voters align with at the start of the night; who they pick after voters supporting nonviable candidates get to make a second choice; and the number of state delegate equivalents each candidate gets.

The revisions were designed to make the caucus system more transparent and to make sure that even the lowest-performing candidates get credit for all the votes they receive. But party officials in Iowa and at the DNC have privately expressed concerns that but multiple campaigns will spin the results in their favor, potentially creating chaos on caucus night.

The Associated Press will declare a winner in Iowa based on the number of state delegates each candidate wins. The AP will also report all three results.

Despite the late-stage turbulence and confusion, the candidates spent Sunday making bold pronouncements. Speaking to several hundred supporters in Cedar Rapids, Sanders declared "we are the campaign of energy and excitement" and said "we are in a position to win tomorrow night."

Warren, who is also rallying progressive voters, pressed her supporters to "fight back" if they ever lose hope. She directly addressed any questions about whether a woman can win, pointing to gains during the 2018 elections as evidence that "women win."

Buttigieg, meanwhile, talked up his newcomer status, telling a crowd of more than 2,000 in Des Moines that "we can't be afraid of the future and new voices as our leaders" and "we are just one day away from victory in the Iowa caucuses!" But Biden, emphasizing his decades of Washington experience, told voters there's no time for "on-the-job training."

Man wearing fake bomb stabs 2 in London

By GREGORY KATZ and DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — A man recently released from prison after serving time for terrorism-related offenses strapped on a fake bomb and stabbed two people on a busy London street Sunday before being shot to death by police, officials said.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lucy D'Orsi said police identified the attacker as 20-year-old Sudesh Amman. He had been convicted for publishing graphic terrorist videos online and had stockpiled instructions on bomb making and knife attacks, according to police.

Alastair Grant / AP

A police forensic officer works near the scene after a stabbing incident Sunday in London, England.Police officers shot and killed a suspect after at least two people were stabbed Sunday in what authorities are investigating as a terror attack.

Officers had been trailing Amman at the time of Sunday's attack, D'Orsi said, but were unable to head off the bloodshed in the commercial and residential south London neighborhood of Streatham, where Amman struck outside a major pharmacy on a busy shopping afternoon.

The incident in London recalled a November stabbing attack carried out by another man who had served prison time for terrorism offense. Two were killed in that attack.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said measures will be introduced Monday to bring "fundamental" change to the way people convicted of terrorism offenses are handled in prison and afterward.

"The suspect had been recently released from prison where he had been serving a sentence for Islamist-related terrorism offences," D'Orsi said of Sunday's attacker.

It seems likely the victims will survive Sunday's attack.

Impeachment trial heads to historic end

By HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's impeachment trial heads toward a historic conclusion this week, with senators all-but-certain to acquit him on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress after narrowly rejecting Democratic demands to summon witnesses.

There's still plenty of drama to unfold before Wednesday's vote.

The vote is expected to cap a months-long investigation spurred by a whistleblower complaint that Trump improperly withheld U.S. military aid from Ukraine in a bid to pressure it to launch investigations into 2020 Democratic rival Joe Biden.

In the Senate, Republicans hold a 53-47 advantage and there's nowhere near the two-thirds needed for conviction and removal. On Friday, Republicans blocked consideration of new witnesses and documents, setting up the speedy acquittal vote for the coming week.

Will some Democratic senators join Republicans to acquit Trump, allowing him to claim a bipartisan "exoneration"? Will Trump gloat or express any regret over the Ukraine matter after key GOP senators during the trial criticized his actions as improper, but ultimately not impeachable? Will Wednesday's Senate vote be the final say in the matter?

What to watch as the third impeachment trial in U.S. history heads to a close:

Closing arguments

The trial resumes at 11 a.m. Monday for closing arguments by the two legal teams, with each side getting two hours. After the arguments, the Senate goes back into normal session to allow lawmakers to give speeches about impeachment on the floor from late Monday into Wednesday, before they reconvene as the impeachment court at 4 p.m. Wednesday and vote.

With Trump's acquittal all but assured, one of the biggest questions may be whether any Democrats join with Republicans to clear him of charges. There is strong political significance.

Three Democratic senators hailing from states where Trump remains popular – Doug Jones of Alabama, Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona – remained quiet over the weekend about their intentions.

They were among the 47 Democratic and independent senators who voted unsuccessfully to extend Trump's trial by summoning additional witnesses.

If one or more of the Democratic senators votes to acquit Trump – even voting against one article of impeachment while supporting the other – it could alienate some Democratic voters, mark their legacies and let Trump spend his reelection campaign asserting that he was cleared by a bipartisan vote.

The final vote

The vote to convict or acquit Trump is scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee was among several Republicans last Friday who voted to block additional witnesses and draw the trial to a close, even though he and others described Trump's actions as "inappropriate" and "wrong." Asked Sunday if he would want to hear Trump express regret, as President Bill Clinton did after his impeachment trial, Alexander said he doesn't need to hear it.

"What I hope he would do is when he makes his State of the Union address, that he puts this completely behind him, never mentions it, and talks about what he thinks he's done for the country and where we're headed," Alexander told NBC's "Meet the Press."

Alexander and other Republicans said that even if Trump committed offenses charged by the House, they are not impeachable – especially in an election year. They say voters should make that determination in November.

Not over yet?

An acquittal for Trump on Wednesday wouldn't mean the end of the Ukraine matter in other respects.

Both Pelosi and Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, the lead impeachment manager, haven't ruled out the possibility of compelling former national security adviser John Bolton to testify in the House should Trump be acquitted.

In an unpublished manuscript, Bolton has written that the president asked him during an Oval Office meeting in early May to bolster his effort to get Ukraine to investigate Democrats, according to a person who read the passage and told The Associated Press; Trump denies that. Bolton also wrote that Trump said he wanted to maintain a freeze on military assistance to Ukraine until it aided the political investigations. His book is due out in March. Senators ultimately voted against hearing his testimony.

"This is in the Senate now," Pelosi told reporters last week. "We'll see what happens after that."

Republicans, for their part, aren't pledging to fully close the case, either. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said he planned to call Joe Biden as part of the congressional oversight process into possible corruption in Ukraine.

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What people are saying in Southwest Michigan.

"Do you know what it's like to be at a hospital? Where you can't see your pets or your friends? I felt like coloring makes everyone happy.

– LILIANA HAKE
6-year-old St. Joseph girl who handed out coloring books and crayons to patients at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph, one of the 25 random acts of kindness she performed in December

"We're hoping that these three days will give us a reprieve. It will allow those who are still sick time to get healthy, those who are rebounding from illness time to rest, and those who have not been sick to remain that way.

– SHANE PETERS
Bridgman schools superintendent after the district canceled all classes and after-school activities for three days on Friday due to an outbreak of the flu

"I want to thank you very much for this appointment, and I want to make sure that you know that you've done the right thing by the work that we're going to do. You haven't seen anything yet.

– ELLIS MITCHELL
Newly appointed Benton Harbor city manager, who has been serving as interim manager

"We exited the year with solid momentum and we are confident in our guidance for 2020 and our ability to execute on our long-term strategy.

– MARC BITZER
Whirlpool chairman and CEO, after the company announced fourth-quarter earnings that beat Wall Street expectations

LETTERS

Evangelicals have sold their souls to Trump

Editor,

The only thing in life you have absolute control over is how good a person you are. Donald Trump cheated and got caught. The most powerful Christian in the world cheated and got caught.

The magazine Christianity Today labeled Trump a "grossly immoral character." ... "We believe ... it is absolutely clear ... that President Trump abused his authority for personal gain and betrayed his constitutional oath." Christianity Today continued, "That he should be removed, we believe, is not a matter of partisan loyalties but loyalty to the Creator of the Ten Commandments."

Some truths are self-evident. Innocent people don't hide evidence. Trials have witnesses. Christians believe in the Ten Commandments. Some truths are not self-evident and require moral courage to expose.

Christianity Today posed a defining question to evangelicals. "If we don't reverse course now, will anyone take anything we say about justice and righteousness with any seriousness for decades to come?" Asked and answered. Americans no longer look to their religious leaders for moral authority or moral courage. Only 29 percent of Americans attend church regularly.

What would you give in exchange for your soul? In the end, when all is said and done, will you be dancing with the angels or dancing with the Donald? Did you love your neighbor or did you put his kid in a cage?

Americans entrusted the House of Representatives to the Democrat party by a historic 9-million-vote margin. Eight lawyers, all millionaires representing a "grossly immoral" Republican billionaire, demanded the U.S. Senate exclude witnesses from Trump's impeachment trial. Fifty-three, mostly millionaire, Republican Senators, repeatedly voted in jack-booted lockstep to deny the majority of American's their right to a fair trial.

This president can't be trusted to do what's right for our country. Instead of protecting private citizens, Trump encourages foreign countries to pursue and harass them. He solicits foreign attacks on our elections. He belittles our allies. He spouts Kremlin propaganda. President Trump has humiliated us abroad and divided us at home.

America is confronted with its first generation of citizens facing a lower standard of living than their parents. Life expectancy is down for the first time in generations. The wealthy get tax cuts. Our kids get a crumbling infrastructure and $20 trillion in national debt. Instead of spacious skies and amber waves of grain, our kids get a soiled nest and an exploited, poisoned planet.

America, America
God shed his grace on thee
'Til selfish gain no longer stain
The banner of the free

The only thing in life you have absolute control over is how good a person you are. Are we a Christian nation? If what is right no longer matters, the Constitution is as useless to "We the People" as the Ten Commandments are to white evangelicals.

Republicans have failed their God, failed their country and failed their children. Donald trump cheated and got caught. The most powerful Christian in the world cheated and got caught.

To America's eternal shame.

Anthony Marsala
Benton Harbor

Change your thermostat to fight climate change

Editor,

Climate change is here and it's serious. It is time for all of us to step up and demand effective action. We all know that heat and air conditioning is one of our major energy costs and mostly supplied with fossil fuel. Every household that would limit air conditioning down to 85 degrees and heat up to 55 degrees would save every household over $1,000 per year. Double that figure when considering office and commercial usage.

For the 100 million households in the United States, $100 billion carbon emissions could be saved every year – a model for the world that must follow. There are 1.4 billion Chinese, 1.2 billion Indians, and another 1 billion in Southeast Asia who are without controlled household temperatures. These 3.6 billion people (1 billion households) have existed and have been acclimated to uncontrolled household temperatures forever. As the world's population advances, they will want our current 72 degree year round household and commercial temperature control. Already, China has built over 1,000 coal plants with thousands more planned within the next 20 years. Sensible household, industry, office and commercial interior temperature limits of heat up to 55 degrees and air conditioning down to 85 degrees would be healthy and sensible with considerably less carbon emissions.

Do the math from the above. The world could prevent over $2 trillion dollars a year of new carbon emissions just for sensible room temperature control. This is obviously the "elephant in the room." No one is even talking about it. Why? Maybe climate control advocates are only after political power? Advocates know that they would lose all support if individuals worldwide were required to make obvious sacrifices. However, if climate change is the most important issue, individuals world wide must be forced to comply with sacrifices like household temperature limits and more. Shutting down power plants is one way to force unpredictable compliance with brownouts.

Robert Jackson
St. Joseph

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Reagan and Section Four of the 25th Amendment

Ronald Reagan, born this week (Feb. 6) in 1911, was, at 74 years old, the then-oldest serving president when he faced the biggest scandal of his presidency, the Iran-Contra affair. Old age can take its toll, and Reagan also had several physical ailments, including nearly dying four years earlier from an assassination attempt during his first year in office.

Bruce Kauffmann
History Lesson

All those factors undoubtedly contributed to his erratic behavior at the height of Iran-Contra. Reagan was suspected of having known of, and perhaps directed, the secret sales of arms to Iran, and using the proceeds to secretly fund the Contras, a revolutionary group seeking to overthrow the pro-Soviet Sandinista government in Nicaragua, both of which violated U.S. law. Consequently, Reagan seemed confused, distracted and inept. He refused to read position papers, and came to work sporadically, spending much of his time watching old movies. When members of Reagan's White House staff complained about Reagan's inattentiveness, his chief of staff, Howard Baker, was asked to consider whether invoking Section Four of the 25th Amendment might be warranted.

Never in American history had Section Four been invoked, which states that if the vice president and "a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments (the Cabinet) or of such other body as Congress may by law provide," should notify the Senate president pro tempore and House speaker they believe the president cannot perform his duties, then the vice president becomes "acting president," until the president is recovered (assuming that occurs).

Baker gave the matter serious consideration and kept a watchful eye on Reagan, but ultimately decided there wasn't enough of an aberration in Reagan's behavior to launch what would be an unprecedented and controversial action.

However, in 1985, a small growth in his colon necessitated invasive surgery that would incapacitate Reagan for an indeterminate period of time, so Reagan decided, through a signed letter separate from the official invocation of Section Three, to unofficially invoke Section Three of the 25th Amendment, in which he is required to notify the Senate's president pro tempore and speaker of the House that he would be temporarily unable to perform his presidential duties, meaning the vice president would replace him until he was able to perform them.

A school of thought later emerged that Reagan's behavior during Iran-Contra proved he then had the Alzheimer's that would eventually kill him, but neither Baker, nor Reagan's doctors, nor those who regularly worked closely with him, thought that was the case. Throughout his presidency Reagan occasionally dozed off in meetings, often delegated to others and was famous for his indifference to detail. It may have been more noticeable and frequent during Iran-Contra, but it was nothing new.

Bruce G. Kauffmann's e-mail address is bruce@historylessons.net.

GOP seeks smokeless gun

Once again, "smoking gun" evidence that seems to incriminate a Republican president has been uncovered – and once again, it turned up in a way that was indeed inconvenient for Republicans in Congress.

Martin Schram

Perhaps it's a pattern that is going to occur every 45 and a half years.

It first happened in the summer of 1974, when President Richard Nixon's "smoking gun" audio tapes were made available to impeachment investigators thanks to a unanimous Supreme Court order. Politically loyal but highly patriotic members of the Republican Party had already voted against resolutions to impeach the Republican president, when that new evidence showed up. Suddenly they were confronted with audio taped evidence of Nixon actually planning the cover-up of the Watergate crimes he had denied even knowing about. And 10 patriotic House Judiciary Committee Republicans who had just voted against Nixon's impeachment quickly switched their votes. Then three GOP elders, Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz.; Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa.; and Rep. John Rhodes, R-Ariz., drove 16 blocks down Pennsylvania Avenue and told Nixon his Republican support had vanished and he faced certain House impeachment and Senate conviction. And Nixon resigned.

This week, another type of "smoking gun" evidence stunningly surfaced after the Democratic House had voted to impeach President Donald Trump, with all House Republicans voting no, supporting their president. The case is now before the Republican controlled Senate, which seems determined to acquit Trump – new evidence be damned. This new evidence surfaced in a form and way that was decidedly different from the tapes and transcripts of 1974, yet still very significant. It surfaced not because of a high court order, but because of converging forces at the intersection of politics, governance and the book publishing industry. And the evidence came not on a form where Republicans can hear their president admitting anything – but they can read the words of their most hardline international policy ideologue, their fellow Republican John Bolton, Trump's former national security adviser.

In a politically earth-shaking scoop, The New York Times reported a week ago Sunday night that Bolton wrote in an upcoming book that the president admitted to him that he was demanding Ukraine provide him with the very quid pro quo Trump swears to us never happened. His book, now set to be published in March, reportedly says Trump admitted insisting that Ukraine must announce the start of an investigation into Trump's leading Democratic presidential challenger, Joe Biden, and his son Hunter. Biden's son was paid big bucks to work for a gas company called Burisma. In return, Trump said, he would give Ukraine the $391 million in congressionally approved military aid he had ordered frozen.

Faithful readers may remember that just a week ago, on Jan. 22, I wrote a column headlined "Unbolting Bolton." I made the case that, while I didn't know what Bolton may have written in his upcoming book, we knew his publisher, Simon & Schuster, reportedly was paying Bolton $2 million. Well, publishers don't pay that kind of money for a tell-all that won't tell all. (Frankly, Biden needed to either tell Hunter to quit his job, or Biden needed to tell President Barack Obama he had to quit working on Ukraine matters because of his son's new job.)

In that column, I said Bolton and his publishers will be lambasted if they keep any big revelation secret, allow Trump to be acquitted – and then publish the book revelations that Bolton withheld. I contented Bolton needed to say what he knows for free – now! Write an op-ed, give an interview or just leak it.

And lo, it came to pass – somehow. The Times scoop reported that Bolton had given Trump's national security council a draft of the book so they could make sure it contained no inadvertent classified material.

So how did today's New Generation of Republican leaders and followers respond to the report about Bolton's de facto "smoking gun" evidence? Did they respond as patriotically as their Republican ancestors did back in the Nixon era? Did they quickly move to subpoena Bolton as a witness so he could provide his de facto "smoking gun" evidence to Trump's Senate impeachment trial?

No way. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and his team made clear they were determined to fight any effort to subpoena Bolton as a witness or explore any new evidence that could implicate the president, no matter what. McConnell, after all, had boasted about consulting on impeachment strategy with Trump's White House – then raised his right hand and swore he'd provide "impartial justice" in leading the Senate impeachment trial.

If McConnell gets his way, there will be no profiles-in-courage in history's chronicling of his iron-fisted command. Indeed, McConnell is all about making sure his profile casts no shadow on the marbled Capitol steps.

Martin Schram is a columnist for Tribune News Service.

Death notices

Robert Michael Brown, 67, of Three Oaks died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020. Wagner Family Funerals, Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks 756-3831.

Dorothy May LaPorte, 92, of Cassopolis, died Feb. 1, 2020. Connelly Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Cassopolis, 445-2435.

Glenn Andrew "Andy" Olson, 60, of South Haven, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2020, at his home. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Lucille Slater, 100, of Niles, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

OBITUARIES

Glenn Andrew 'Andy' Olson

July 15, 1959 – Jan. 31, 2020

Glenn Andrew "Andy" Olson, 60, of South Haven, passed away Friday, Jan. 31, 2020, at his home.

A bouncing baby boy, he was born July 15, 1959, to adoring parents Theodore Edwin and Beatrice Joan (Empson) Olson in South Haven. Always a clever fellow, Andy excelled in academics and exercised his physical prowess as an amazing high school athlete before graduating from South Haven High School in 1977. In pursuit of higher education, he graduated from Kalamazoo Valley Community College Police Academy in 1984. He faithfully served the people of his community for 30 years as a Deputy Sheriff for the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department.

He married the love of his life, Julia, on Aug. 28, 1993, in a lovely ceremony in Kalamazoo. Andy loved to golf, argue with the TV on Football Sunday, read fine literature (especially Louis L'amour westerns) and regal his children with stories of "the good ol' days." He had a remarkably dry sense of humor, invented sarcasm, had a quick wit and was the king of snappy come backs. Andy loved his family intensely and cared deeply for his friends. He appreciated each and every blessing he had been given and was an active and dedicated member of Hope Reformed Church in South Haven.

Andy is preceded in death by his father, mother, and brother, Erik Olson.

Andy is survived by his wife, Julia Olson of Paw Paw; children, Lindy (Lukas) Gooding of Hamilton, Jerrod (Alix) Olson of Hudsonville, Michale (Brittany) Ockerman of South Haven, Brenda (Chad Ritchie) Ockerman of Lawton, Martin Schau of South Haven, AJ Olson of Paw Paw and Livia Olson of Paw Paw; and sibling, Jessie (Tabitha Flatau) Olson of South Haven. An impressive number of grandchildren, 13, also survive.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020, at 11 a.m. at the Hope Reformed Church in South Haven with Pastors Steve Smallegan and Craig Massey officiating. Andy will be laid to rest in Monk's Cemetery, Geneva Township, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made in Andy's memory to West Michigan Cancer Center/Ascension Hospice 200 N. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Kindly share your thought and memories on the family's online guestbook at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Robert Michael Brown

Aug. 27, 1952 – Jan. 20, 2020

Robert Michael Brown, age 67, of Three Oaks, passed away Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020.

He was born Aug. 27, 1952, the youngest of six children of John and Eunice Brown. He married Teri Rae Edgecomb Jan. 3, 1986, in Bridgman.

Bob was a life-long resident of Three Oaks, was an avid golfer, and spent much of his retirement traveling around the U.S. researching his family's history. Music was Bob's passion in life. He played the piano and sang in his church's choir. He was also a member of the Southshore Concert Band in Benton Harbor since its start in 1992. He played both the trumpet and the euphonium. Bob was a draftsman and CAD designer for Weldun/Whirlpool for over 30 years. He also drove bus for River Valley Schools. To say he was a life-long fan of the Chicago White Sox is an understatement.

Bob will be greatly missed by family and friends. He leaves his wife of 34 years, Teri Brown of Three Oaks; his only child, Katie (Justin Berry) Schmidt of Three Oaks; two stepchildren, Erin Salisbury of Loveland, Colo., and Jason Salisbury of Baroda; five grandchildren, Lexi (Beck) Williamson, Matthew Schmidt, Austin Salisbury, Emily Berry, and Freya Madson; two sisters, Lois Hansen of Chelsea, Mich., and Catherine (David) Harrison of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two brothers, Richard (Penny) Brown of Waterford, Mich., and Roy (Joan) Brown of Three Oaks; one sister in law, Maryellen Brown of Fennimore, Wis.; his mother-in-law, Janet Edgecomb of Three Oaks; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, John Brown.

Family and friends will gather Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, from 5 to 8 p.m. in Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, 106 Ash Street East, Three Oaks. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Mr. Brown will be laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Three Oaks.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Robert be made to either, Southshore Concert Band, Post Office Box 939, Bridgman, Michigan 49106, or, Harbor Country Mission, 9600 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman, Michigan 49106.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online at wagnercares.com.

Dorothy May LaPorte

July 29, 1927 – Feb. 1, 2020

Dorothy May LaPorte, age 92, of Cassopolis, died peacefully Saturday evening, Feb. 1, 2020.

She was born July 29, 1927, in Cass County, Michigan to Ira and Ellen Edmunds. She married Ward Wesley LaPorte March 13, 1948, in Dowagiac. After 64 years of marriage, he preceded her in death April 9, 2012.

Dorothy was proud of having started as a bookkeeper at the age of 16 at The Fair store. When she married she became a farm wife with all the many chores and duties that it entailed as well as being the bookkeeper for the farm and family business. If you were at her home at dinnertime you were offered a place at the table. She loved horseback riding, gardening, and mowing the yard. Dorothy adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her family says she was a "Great Grandma" in more ways than one. Dorothy was a truly nice person.

Dorothy will be greatly missed by family and friends.

She is survived by two daughters, Carrie (Todd) Butler of Paw Paw, and Mary (Tim) Brown of Cassopolis; one son, Douglas LaPorte of Cassopolis; six grandchildren, Nicole (Travis) Hepler of Buchanan, Elizabeth (Clint) LaPorte-Wernlund of Dowagiac, Katie (Will) Hammond of Dowagiac, Joseph LaPorte of Louisville, Ky., Shannon Brown of Cassopolis, and Kristen (Zach) Kieffer of Cassopolis; seven great grandchildren, Madison (Anthony Potter) Stout, Mason Hepler, Mila Hepler, Claire Hammond, Evan Hammond, Ella Hammond, and Samantha Kieffer; one brother, Leonard Edmunds of Cassopolis; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son; her son, Bruce LaPorte on June 22, 2010; and one sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Phillips.

Family and friends will gather Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, from 5 to 8 p.m. in Connelly Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, 202 North Broadway St., Cassopolis. The funeral service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020, at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Mrs. LaPorte will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband and son in South Wayne Cemetery in Wayne Township.

The family is grateful to the staff of Moments Memory Care Unit of Maple Lake Assisted Living for the excellent care they accorded their mother.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Dorothy be made to either Maple Lake Assisted Living, Moments Memory Care Unit, 677 Hazen St., Paw Paw, Michigan 49079, or Hospice of Southwest Michigan, 222 N. Mall St., Suite 100, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007.

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Getting it straight

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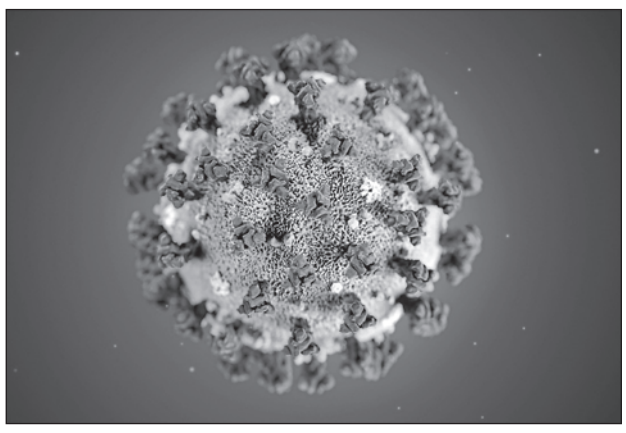
Mark Schiefelbein / AP

A woman wears a face mask as she shops at a grocery store in Beijing on Saturday. China's death toll from a new virus rose to 259 on Saturday and a World Health Organization official said other governments need to prepare for"domestic outbreak control" if the disease spreads in their countries.

New China virus details show challenge for outbreak control

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer



enters for Disease Control and Prevention via AP

This illustration shows the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

It can spread person to person, even if someone is showing no symptoms. The next in line can continue to pass it on. The incubation period is so long that people may not know where or when they picked it up.

Details that emerged last week about the new virus from China show how challenging it could be to control this outbreak, health experts say.

At first, some were relieved that the virus hasn't proved fatal as often as those that caused SARS, Ebola or some other recent menaces. Now there's worry that it still might cause a lot of deaths if it spreads far more than those other viruses did.

"The level of concern has been growing" with the new revelations about viral spread, said Marc Lipsitch of Harvard's School of Public Health.

The virus has infected at least 14,000 people since it was first detected in central China in late December. It has killed more than 300 and spread to about two dozen countries although most, like the United States, have few cases.

"We still have a low risk to the American public, but we want to keep it at a low risk," the National Institutes of Health's infectious disease chief, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said Friday at a news conference where quarantines and temporary travel bans were announced.

Several factors about the virus itself affect how bad the outbreak might become.

Multiplying infections

Based on the first 425 confirmed cases in China, each infection led to 2.2 others on average, Chinese scientists reported last week in the New England Journal of Medicine. That's a bit more than ordinary flu but less than SARS, a genetic cousin of the new virus.

"It sounds and looks as if it's going to be a very highly transmissible virus," said Robert Webster, an infectious disease expert at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital who has studied many outbreaks.

Whether the new virus will weaken as it spreads or instead become better at it isn't known.

"This virus may still be learning what it can do," Webster said. "We don't know its full potential yet."

Spreading in stealth

The biggest worry is sustained transmission, where one person spreads the virus to another and that person continues to pass it on. A related concern is how often people with no symptoms are infecting others.

On Thursday, scientists reported that a Chinese woman who was not ill at the time spread the virus to a man in Germany during a business trip there, and that he in turn infected several other coworkers before showing any symptoms. A child of one of the workers also is infected now.

This so-called asymptomatic transmission "puts a terrible burden on the screening process," which has heavily relied on symptoms to detect cases and track close contacts to limit spread, Fauci said.

If the virus can move extensively from person to person or without causing symptoms, "it will spread further and perhaps for longer than we initially hoped," said Dr. Ashish Jha, a Harvard University global health professor.

Death rate

The mortality rate looks like 2 percent to 3 percent but could be much lower if many mild cases or infections with no symptoms are going undetected, Fauci said.

SARS proved fatal in about 10 percent of cases. The flu's mortality rate is only 0.1 percent, yet it kills hundreds of thousands around the world each year because it infects millions, Lipsitch noted. So the size of the outbreak can matter as much as the lethality of the virus in terms of how many deaths ultimately occur, he said.

Incubation period

Chinese scientists estimate the average incubation period to be roughly five days, but said it could last up to two weeks.

Such a long potential incubation period can be a problem, Webster said.

"People can move away from where they contracted it and not even remember" places where they may have been exposed, he said.

Testing gaps

It's still a struggle to determine who is or is not infected. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a test, but lacks enough confidence in its accuracy to make it widely available. Too little is known about possible methods – throat or nose swabs versus blood or other samples – and how many false alarms or missed cases each might give at any point in time.

"If we had an absolutely accurate test that was very sensitive and very specific, then we could just test people and say, 'OK, we're good to go,'" Fauci said at the news conference. "We don't know the accuracy of this test."

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Pat McCrery of St. Joseph said she has submitted 200 signatures to Dunkin Donuts regional headquarters in Chicago asking that smoking be allowed again in the St. Joseph store. Stores in St. Joseph and the South Bend area imposed smoking bans Jan. 1.

Connie Truman, manager of the St. Joseph shop, said almost all of the feedback on the smoking ban has been positive. Truman was unaware of McCrery's petition drive, and is confident business will eventually increase once word gets out that they have a no smoking policy.

35 years ago – 1985

For 80 years, Buchanan has been home for Clark Equipment Co. That will change next week when Clark, one of the world's largest makers of forklifts, construction equipment and other products, moves its corporate staff 12 miles away to South Bend, Ind.

The new corporate offices, under construction for several months, are located on the fifth and eighth floors of the First Source Center in downtown South Bend. The company plans to begin operating from the new facilities Monday morning.

50 years ago – 1970

Voters in Paw Paw and Lawton will go to the polls next month to decide whether schools in these communities will merge. The school boards are formally signing resolutions setting up the special election. Both communities must approve the merger if consolidation is to take place.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2020. There are 332 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 3, 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship SS Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo in the Labrador Sea; of the more than 900 men aboard, only some 230 survived. (Four Army chaplains on board gave away their life jackets to save others and went down with the ship.)

On this date:

In 1690, the first paper money in America was issued by the Massachusetts Bay Colony to finance a military expedition to Canada.

In 1877, the song "Chopsticks," written by 16-year-old Euphemia Allen under the pseudonym Arthur de Lulli, was deposited at the British Museum under the title "The Celebrated Chop Waltz."

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

In 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, the same day an American cargo ship, the SS Housatonic, was sunk by a U-boat off Britain after the crew was allowed to board lifeboats.

In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons. (He died just over a month later.)

In 1959, rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson died in a small plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Rain & Snow Possible	Scattered Snow	Scattered Snow	Isolated Snow
42°	35°	37° / 26°	29° / 21°	31° / 23°	32° / 24°

Local Outlook

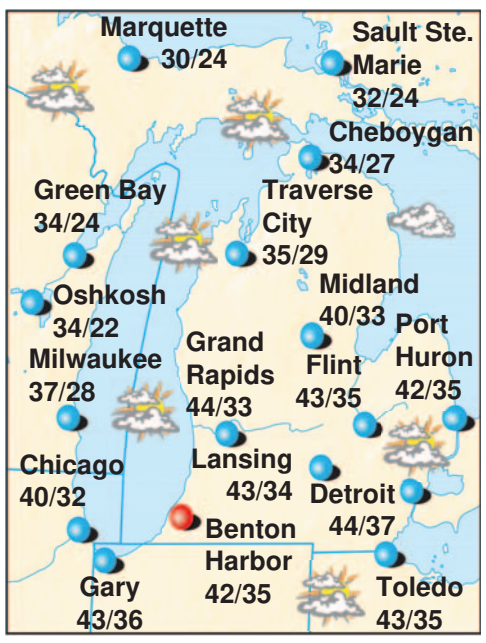
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 42°, humidity of 78%. East wind 3 to 9 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 45% chance of scattered rain, overnight low of 35°. Southeast wind 5 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 29°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:57 a.m.
Sunset	6:02 p.m.
Moonrise	12:52 p.m.
Moonset	2:41 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
2/9	2/15	2/23	3/2

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	59°R
Low	36°
Normal High	32°
Normal Low	17°
Record High	54° in 2016
Record Low	0° in 2001

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.02"
Normal for month	0.08"
Year to date	3.88"
Normal Year to date	1.83"

Air Quality

Yesterday 25

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

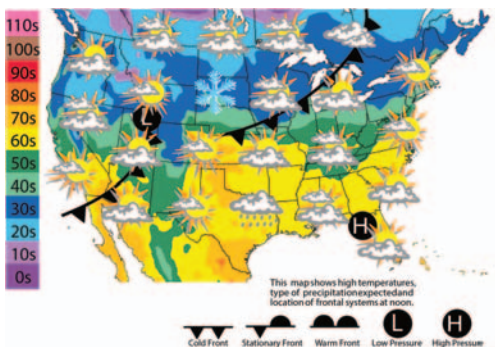
Weather Trivia

How far can lightning spread out after striking the Earth's surface?

Answer: Lightning can spread out as far as 60 feet.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 3, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, Variable winds less than 5 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, E wind 6 to 11 kt. A chance of rain. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s. West wind 2 to 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Tuesday with highs in the 20s. Northwest wind 6 to 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 40s. East wind 3 to 9 mph. Expect cloudy skies Tuesday with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s. Southeast wind 13 to 17 mph.

GRESHAM

From page A1

Wittkowski to discuss how he learned to swim and what's kept him afloat at the YMCA all these years.

How did you end up joining the Y in the first place?

It actually started because my father had drowned when I was about 3 or 4 (years old). And my mother decided that I had to learn how to swim because she, my grandmother, and everyone was scared of water. I took to it like a duck to water.

I was 16 when I was first hired by the Y.

How did you stay with the YMCA for so long?

Well I went to school (at Eastern Michigan University), but when I came home for Christmas or Thanksgiving, I picked up a shift here. But I worked at the Ann Arbor Y during school.

I came back here, worked at the St. Joe Y for a year and a half. But this one here (in Niles) is my home Y.

When you first started out with the YMCA as a 16-year-old lifeguard, did you see yourself doing this for so long?

Yes and no. I always knew I was going to teach. But I didn't think about recreation. I got my degree in therapeutic recreation. I was not always going to be a teacher. But if the school I worked for let me do with swimming lessons I was going to stick with it.

Tell me a little bit about your tenure at the Y?

I've been just about everything. I was a lifeguard, the fitness director, youth sports and aquatics director and a few other things.

What's kept you going all these years?

The people. I've been stationed here so long that I know I have taught second third and fourth generations.

When did you know you belonged here at the Y?

Around my sophomore year when I decided to focus on recreation, I decided that I could do the Y and do what I love. Swimming and lifeguarding paid for my education.

Do you have a favorite memory over these past 40 years?

Not one particular memory. But it's good when you take a child who is terrified of water and six weeks in, they can appreciate the water. It's a good feeling to see that child swim by themselves, jumping into the pool. I like that feeling to give my love of swimming to someone else.

How did you get used to that smell of chlorine?

(Laughs) What smell? I got used to it because I'm here everyday. It's not too overwhelming.

I was told you have taught at least 17,000 people. Is that a fair estimate?

Oh at the least. Like I said people who I taught in the early '80s, I've had their child, and their grandchild.

Do you get a lot of adults as well?

I mostly do children but I have worked with adults. It's never too late to learn. People say they can never learn. But you have to take your shot. Once people are scared, they're scared. Little kids know that sense, but they're fearless for the most part.

From the time that you started here to now, what has changed?

It's grown here. That's the big thing. When I started we had a four-lane, 20-yard pool. Now we have a six-lane pool, with 25 yards. The people have stayed the same. Water is the great equalizer. You're either scared of the water or you're not. But I'll take you wherever you're at.

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to a total of 63,100. The area recorded a 200-employment improvement in trade, transportation, warehousing and utilities – but lost 200 seasonal jobs each in government and in leisure and hospitality.

A 100-employment reduction was also seen in construction and mining and in professional and business services.

In a year-over-year comparison, jobs in Berrien County continued to improve. Employment in most major industry sectors improved by 100 or remained unchanged.

Manufacturing added 300 positions since December 2018. December total private non-farm payroll jobs in Berrien steadily expanded by 3,500 between 2010 and 2019.

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Cows are milked on a large carousel Dec. 4 at Rosendale Dairy in Pickett, Wis. Feed is calibrated to deliver a precise diet and machines handle the milking. In the fields, drones gather data that helps bump up yields for the row crops grown to feed the animals.

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caught in a vise between consumer trends and competition. Americans are buying less milk as changing tastes steer them to milk substitutes from soy and almonds, or to entirely different drinks like flavored water. Two big milk processors, Dean Foods and Borden Dairy Co., filed for bankruptcy protection in the past three months, undone by declining demand and also pressured by big competitors like Walmart, which opened its own milk processing plant in 2018.

And then there are milk prices.

After hitting a historic high in 2014 of more than $26 per 100 pounds on the strength of massive buying from China, the bottom fell out. When China stopped its milk-buying spree, there was already oversupply from both American and European Union producers, said Mark Stephenson, director of dairy policy analysis at the University of Wisconsin.

Prices fell to $17.30 by the following year, and for producers, it's been mostly misery ever since. Nationwide, the number of dairy farms dropped from 40,199 in 2017 to 37,468 in 2018. In Wisconsin, a state that takes pride in its image as "America's Dairyland," the toll has been particular severe. Though California produces more milk, Wisconsin has more dairy farms than any other state. And more than 1,600 of those have gone under in the past three years.

Herd specialist Chema Ortiz looks at stats of a cow on his phone app Dec. 4 at Rosendale Dairy. Each of the 9,000 cows has a microchip implanted in an ear that workers can scan with smartphones for up-to-the-minute information on how the animal is doing, everything from their nutrition to their health history to their productivity.

But there are reasons to believe the worst might be over, said Jim Ostrom, a partner at Milk Source, the company that owns Rosendale. In November, milk prices in Wisconsin rose to $22.40. Nationwide, they reached $21, finally above the $18 price point that Stephenson cited as a general benchmark for producers turning a profit.

With dairy prices outside farmers' control, they have to focus on controlling costs. That's where technology comes in. A rotary milking parlor can handle 10 cows a minute and can sense when an udder is empty so cows aren't overmilked, which can harm their health. But a robotic milking system can run more than $200,000.

"It can be very difficult for a smaller farm to afford this technology because you need, you know, a larger operation to spread those expenses across," said Liz Binversie, an agriculture educator in Brown County for the University of Wisconsin extension office. She said she knows of one farm that went out of business because it couldn't find enough workers and could not afford a robotic milking system.

Wisconsin leads the nation in farm bankruptcies with 45 Chapter 12 filings from July 2018 through June 2019, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation. Minnesota was not far behind with 31 during that time.

Because of debt, the cost of producing milk varies among farms. While some farmers can break even at a price of $18 per hundred pounds, others need $21 because of their debt load.

Sometimes the way to survive is to join forces with neighbors.

Hallett shares some advanced machinery with a neighboring farmer, like a combine and planting equipment. And, fortunately, some technology isn't expensive. Hallett's cows carry the same microchips as Rosendale uses, so he can know from the comfort of his office the milk weight for each cow and whether a particular cow had less milk that day. The chips cost about 12 cents per month per cow.

Hallett said he wishes he could afford to update his cow stalls, but that getting credit from banks is difficult because they consider bigger operations less risky.

"Who do you think they're going to work with to keep them afloat?" Hallett said.

The University of Wisconsin hopes to help with a project that would integrate all the data farms collect each day on cows' production, feed and health, among other things.

Integrating the data and using artificial intelligence and machine learning "would be very helpful to farmers making the best decisions every single time" in real time, said Victor Cabrera, the professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who is leading the project. He's collecting data from five farms now and expects to have the project completed in three years.

Farmers could tell whether to keep breeding an animal or let it go.

"I'd use it yesterday if I had it," said Mitch Breunig, who is contributing data from his farm, Mystic Valley Dairy, where he has 460 cows.

He said sometimes it's weeks before he can pinpoint how much milk a cow produced on a particular day and how much it ate.

"I think it doesn't matter what size your farm is, it's information you need to know," he said.

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Chiefs rally to win Super Bowl

Kansas City 31, San Francisco 20

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Uncomfortable and under duress for much of the game, Patrick Mahomes suddenly recaptured his mojo — and lifted Andy Reid and the Chiefs to a Super Bowl victory — the team's first NFL championship in a half-century.

All it took was falling behind by double digits in the postseason again. Then Mahomes, selected MVP, hit two long passes on touchdown drives for a 31-20 victory Sunday over the San Francisco 49ers.

The vaunted 49ers defense wilted late, particularly on passes of 44 yards to Tyreek Hill and 38 to Sammy Watkins. The touchdowns came on short throws to Travis Kelce to cut the deficit to three and to Damien Williams for the lead. The first NFL title in Chiefs coach Reid's two-decade career was clinched by Williams' 38-yard TD run, sending red-clad Chiefs fan into chants of "Andy!" Andy!"

Reid, 61, won a Super Bowl ring with the 1996 Packers while in charge of tight ends. He's been seeking one as a head coach since being hired by Philadelphia in 1999. The Eagles lost in their only trip to the big game after the 2004 season.

The Chiefs (15-4) trailed 24-0 and 17-7 in their previous playoff games. Their fans in the crowd of 62,417 at Hard Rock Stadium got little opportunity to chant and do the tomahawk chop as KC fell behind 20-10 with 17 1-2 minutes remaining.

Mahomes even threw his second interception of the night after that. But then came the kind of Mahomes magic that makes him special.

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Matt York / AP

Kansas City's Damien Williams runs toward the goal line and a touchdown against the San Francisco 49ers during the second half of the Super Bowl on Sunday.

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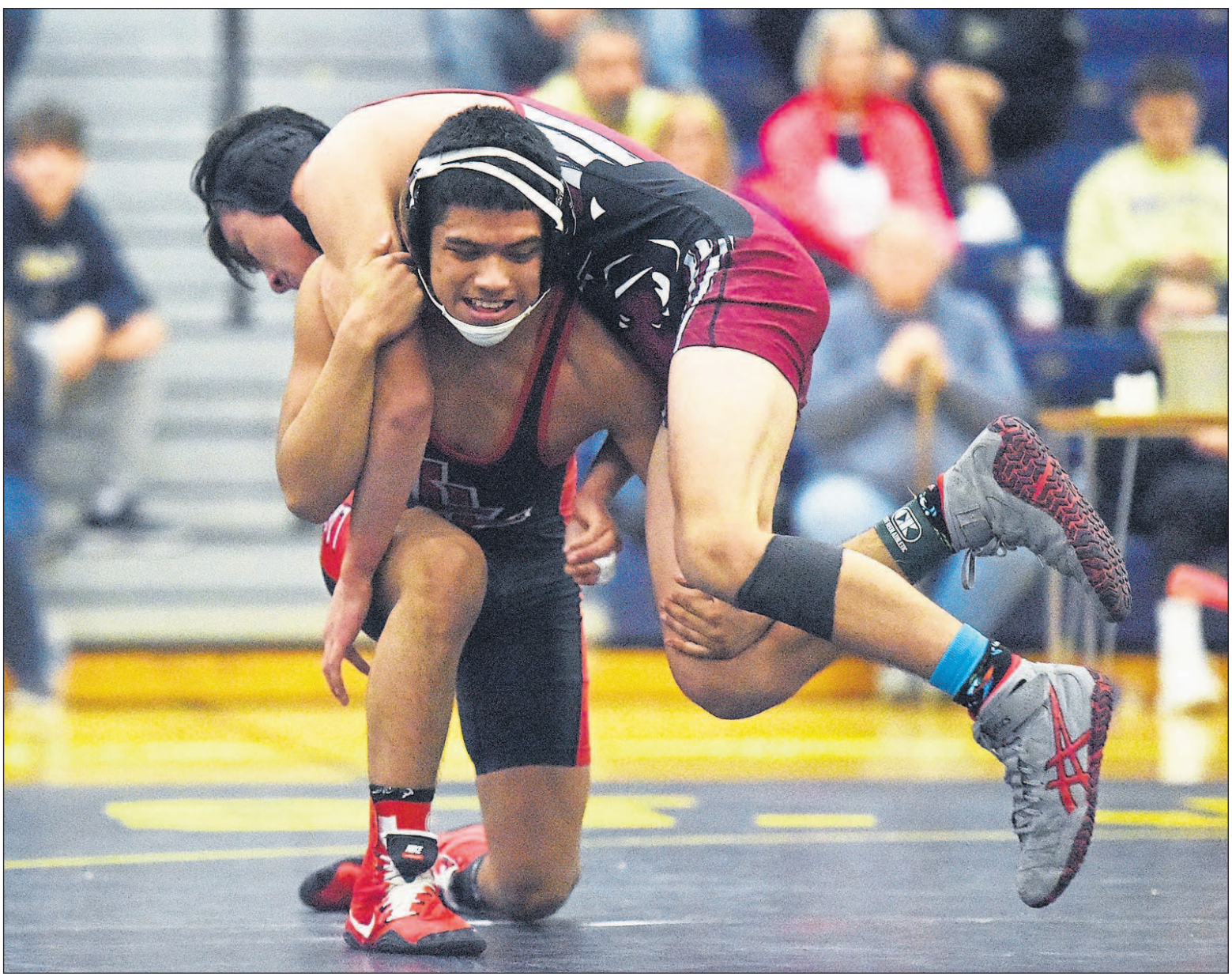

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Lakeshore's Aaron Lucio wins his 119-pound championship match against Watervliet's Trever Pelton Saturday during the Greater Berrien County Wrestling Invitational held at St. Joseph High School.

Lakeshore reclaims county wrestling championship from rival Niles

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

ST. JOSEPH — Lakeshore wrestlers are Greater Berrien County team champions again.

Coach Bruce Bittenbender's Lancers placed 12 wrestlers to top arch rival Niles, 213 ½ to 193, and regain the title it had lost to the Vikings a year ago.

"I was real pleased with the results today," said Bittenbender. "Our kids wrestled tough. We placed 12 wrestlers, and that's the first time this year we've done that at big invitationals. Placing third, fourth or fifth gets you extra points, and we had that today."

The Lancers produced four individual champions in Aaron Lucio (119), Jonathan Gelesko (125), Shane Williams (140) and Zeke Rohl (215), but also claimed two seconds and three thirds. The Vikings, who placed 10 grapplers, had three champions in Jamison Zimmerman (112), Ryan Franco (130), and Javond Ball (135), but only two seconds and one third.

"That was the difference today, having nine who placed up there (third or higher), compared to their six," noted Bittenbender, whose squad takes on Niles in a dual meet Wednesday night at Lakeshore for the SMAC West Division crown.

The Lancers were rated No. 7 in last week's Division 2 poll and coach Todd Hesson's Vikings were 9th.

"It's going to be a nail-biter, that's

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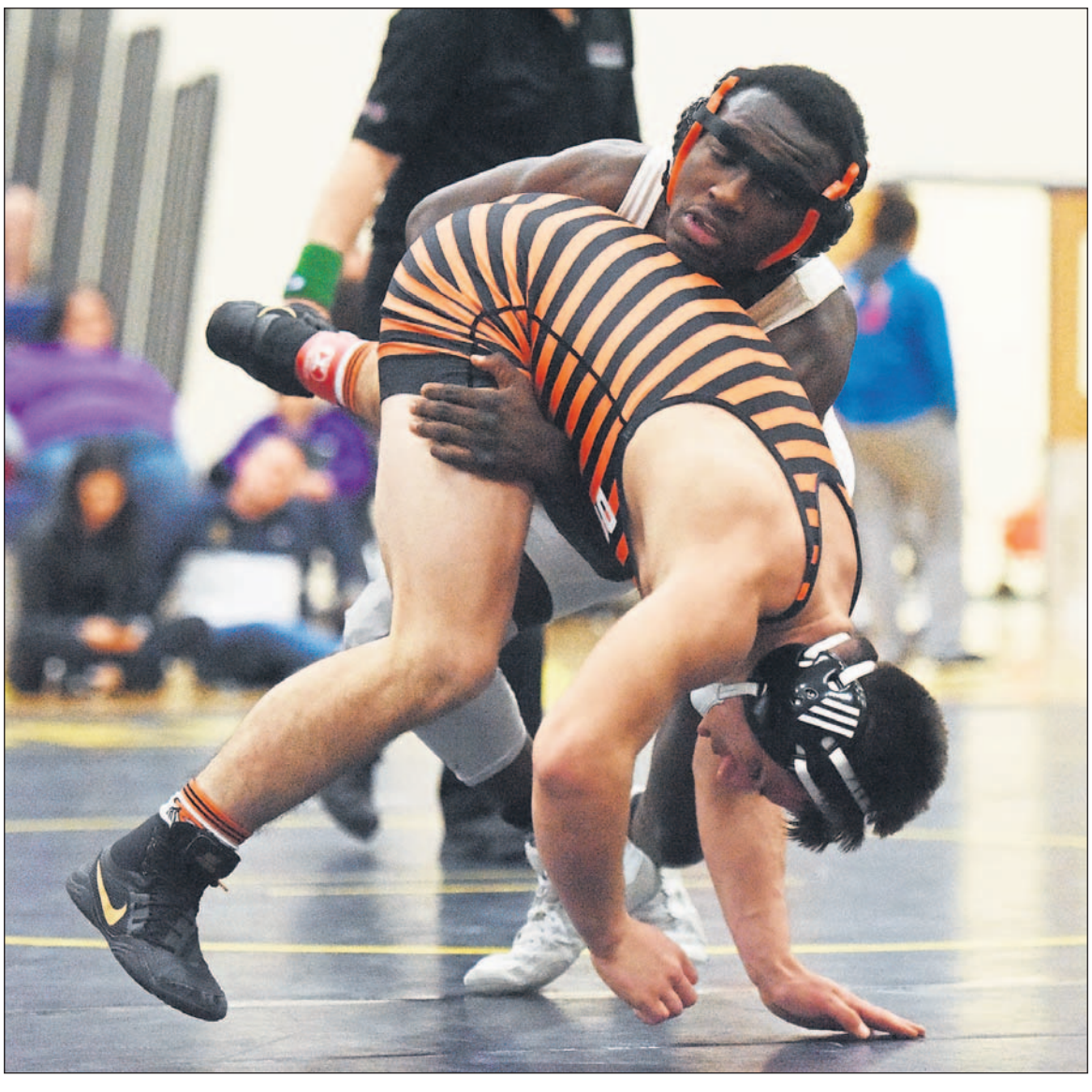

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Benton Harbor's Dashiande Harris-Moore wins his 160-pound championship match against Dowagiac's Lamberto Paredes Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Davis does it all in Benton Harbor win

Tigers guard slows down Bates as team rolls past Ypsilanti Lincoln

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

GRAND RAPIDS — The fans who packed City High School's gymnasium on Saturday night to see Benton Harbor's Carlos Johnson square off against Ypsilanti Lincoln's Emoni Bates were expecting a game for the ages.

Benton Harbor 73, Ypsilanti Lincoln 51

What they did get was a 73-51 blowout victory in favor of the Tigers in the last game of the 2020 Red Hawk Showcase.

Carlos Johnson scored 19 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to earn MVP honors for the game, but Benton Harbor coach Corey Sterling declared point guard Quindarius Davis as the game's co-MVP.

Davis finished with 16 points on offense while guarding Bates on defense for most of the game.

"It all started with my intensity," Davis said. "He's the best player in his class but for me it's defense first. I had the biggest assignment tonight so I had to deliver."

The 6-foot-9 Bates, who finished with 27 points (9 of 13 free

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Lutheran hoops sweeps Catholic

Titan boys hit 11 3-pointers; Rugen helps girls stay unbeaten

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

ST. JOSEPH — Michigan Lutheran basketball teams took different paths to pair of big wins over Lake Michigan Catholic on Saturday in Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference White Division action.

Lutheran boys 52, Catholic 24

Lutheran girls 61, Catholic 25

The Titan boys had a hot shooting night, making 11 3-pointers in a 52-24 win over the Lakers. Lutheran's girls relied on their pressure defense to stay unbeaten with a 61-25 victory.

In the boys game, sophomore guard Nick Lockman led the way for Lutheran (4-3 BCS White, 6-4), scoring

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IN BRIEF

Pistons rally to beat Nuggets in overtime

DETROIT (AP) — It took Detroit just over half a quarter to fall behind by 21. Then the Pistons rallied almost as quickly.

"We came out as flat as a pancake," coach Dwane Casey said. "But the second group came in and played."

Bruce Brown had 19 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists, and fellow reserve guard Reggie Jackson scored 20 points to lift the Pistons to a 128-123 overtime victory over the Denver Nuggets on Sunday. Andre Drummond added 21 points and 17 rebounds for Detroit, which snapped a five-game losing streak.

It was the 400th career double-double for the 26-year-old Drummond. Only Dwight Howard, who was 25, has reached that milestone at a younger age.

Nikola Jokic had 39 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds for Denver.

It was an impressive day for Detroit's younger players. Brown, who is in his second NBA season, played the most of anyone on the Pistons. Rookie Sekou Doumbouya scored all 17 of his points in the first half to help Detroit dig out of its early hole.

Drummond put the Pistons ahead to stay with a dunk early in overtime, and Brown added a 3-pointer that made it 116-112. Drummond fouled out with 2:43 left, but Detroit was able to hold on.

Denver led 44-30 at the end of the first quarter. Detroit rallied in the second, tying the game with a 21-8 run and eventually taking a 68-65 lead into halftime.

It was tight down the stretch. Jackson missed a runner in the final seconds of regulation with the score tied at 111.

Bulls fall to streaking Raptors

TORONTO (AP) — Terence Davis hasn't forgotten about being passed over for a spot in the Rising Stars Challenge at All-Star weekend. Even so, the Toronto Raptors rookie is just happy he's playing for a contender.

Davis came off the bench to score a career-high 31 points and the Raptors tied a team record with their 11th straight win, beating the Chicago Bulls 129-102.

Toronto also won 11 straight in January 2016 and again from Feb. 26-March 16, 2018.

Pascal Siakam added 17 points, Serge Ibaka had 16, Chris Boucher 15 and Kyle Lowry 14 for the reigning NBA champions. The Raptors outscored the Bulls 69-39 in the second half to win their 12th consecutive meeting with Chicago.

Davis made a career-high 12 of his 15 field goal attempts, including six of seven from 3-point range.

"The ball was going in, so I kept shooting," Davis said.

Davis is the sixth rookie in Raptors history to score at least 30 in a game, and the first to do it as a reserve.

Chandler Hutchison scored 17 points, and Ryan Arcidiacono and Coby White each had 12 for the Bulls, who are 8-18 on the road.

Hillmon, Michigan women beat Iowa

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Naz Hillmon scored a career-high 30 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead Michigan to a 78-63 win over No. 18 Iowa on Sunday.

Hillmon shot 14 of 19 from the floor and collected her seventh double-double this season.

The Wolverines (14-7, 5-5 Big Ten) got their first win over a ranked opponent this season after four losses and their first victory over a Top 25 team since beating Iowa on Feb. 1 last year in Ann Arbor.

Amy Dilk added 14 points and six assists and Akienreh Johnson 11 points and seven rebounds for Michigan.

Alexis Sevillian led Iowa with 15 points, Kathleen Doyle added 14, Makenzie Meyer 13 and Amanda Ollinger 10 points with eight rebounds.

The Hawkeyes (18-4, 9-2) had a nine-game win streak snapped and dropped into a first-place tie with No. 23 Northwestern (9-2), a half-game ahead of No. 17 Maryland (8-3).

Hillmon scored the game's first two baskets, Dilk added another and the Wolverines led throughout.

They were up by 19 midway through the third quarter and Iowa only got as close as eight with 1:46 left in the game before the Wolverines finished on a 9-2 run.

AIRWAVES

Television today

6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Indiana at Purdue. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** North Carolina at Florida State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Oregon at Connecticut. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Philadelphia Flyers at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Michigan State at Maryland. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Memphis Grizzlies. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **2020 CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying Championship** United States vs Costa Rica. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Texas at Kansas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Baylor at Kansas State. (Live)

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Duke at Boston College (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Ohio State at Michigan (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Rutgers at Maryland. (Live) CC
7:30 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Milwaukee Bucks at New Orleans Pelicans. (Live) CC
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Penn State at Michigan State. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Minnesota Wild. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Mississippi State at Kentucky. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Oklahoma at Texas Tech. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Xavier at DePaul. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** San Antonio Spurs at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live) CC
11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Air Force at Nevada. (Live)

Radio today

7:15 p.m.
Girls high school basketball — Buchanan at Michigan Lutheran (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Tuesday

7 p.m.
College basketball — Ohio State at Michigan (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
8 p.m.
College basketball — Penn State at Michigan State (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

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Championship winners at the Greater Berrien County Wrestling Invite held at St. Joseph High School are pictured Saturday. Pictured front row, left to right: St. Joseph's Nolan Wertanen-103 pounds Niles' Jamison Zimmerman-112 pounds Lakeshore's Aaron Lucio-119 pounds Lakeshore's Jonathan Gelesko-125 pounds Niles' Ryan Franco-130 pounds Niles' Javond Ball-135 pounds Lakeshore's Shane Williams-140 pounds. Pictured back row, left to right: Niles Brandywine's Hunter Heath-145 pounds Coloma's Ian Ishmael-152 pounds Benton Harbor's Dashiande Harris-Moore-160 pounds Decatur's Jared Checkley-171 pounds Constantine's Isaac Hall-189 pounds Lakeshore's Zeke Rohl-215 pounds Coloma's Cole Alsup-285 pounds

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for sure," added Bittenbender. "They may have a little more maneuverability than us. But we expect a packed house. It's what high school wrestling is all about."

In a vote of coaches, Benton Harbor's Dashiande Harris-Moore was named the meet's most outstanding upper weight grappler, and St. Joseph's Nolan Wertanen the meet's most outstanding lower weight matmen. The lower weight award is named in honor of Michelle Kruse, the daughter of former Bears coach Bart Kruse who died of cancer. The upper weight award is named after former Lakeshore wrestler Nathan Broehm, who was killed in an auto accident.

Harris-Moore is the first Benton Harbor wrestler to win a county meet title in a long time. He defeated Dowagiac's Lamberto Paredes 9-7 in overtime at 160 thanks to an aggressive double-leg takedown.

"I knew I had to stay aggressive and it paid off in overtime," stated Harris-Moore, who improved to 33-2 on the season.

Wertanen gained a measure of revenge by beating Niles' Mikey Robles 6-1 for the 103-pound title. Robles had handed Wertanen his only loss of the season (10-8) two weeks ago.

"The first time I wrestled him I let it (him) get in my head, so I wanted to come out strong this time," noted Wertanen. "Overall, I'm proud of what I did and will work on widening the gap."

All the points in the match that featured the No. 1-rated Robles and the No. 2-rated Wertanen were scored in the opening period as Wertanen managed an initial takedown, and two 2-point near-falls to Robles' one escape. "I just wrestled smart after I got that lead," added Wertanen, now 33-1.

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St. Joseph's Nolan Wertanen defeats Niles' Mikey Robles during their 103-pound championship match Saturday.

Nearly all of the championship matches were close, as only three pins were recorded in title bouts. Garnering pins were Lakeshore's Aaron Lucio at 119, Brandywine's Hunter Heath at 145, Constantine's Isaac Hall at 189, and Coloma heavyweight Cole Alsup. Six of the title matches were decided by three points or less in the very competitive meet.

Coloma had two individual champions. In addition to Alsup's heavyweight victory, Ian Ishmael celebrated his recent appointment to the Naval Academy by winning the 152-pound crown.

Other area champions included Decatur's Jared Checkley (171).

GREATER BERRIEN COUNTY INVITATIONAL

Team scores —1. Lakeshore 213.5, 2. Niles 193, 3. Edwardsburg 132.5, 4. Dowagiac 119, 5. St. Joseph 110.5, 6. South Haven 102, 7. Decatur 82.5, 8. Constantine 77, 9. Coloma 74, 10. Brandywine 70.5, 11. Lawton 57.5, 12. Watervliet 46, 13. Marcellus 35, 14. Cassopolis 31, 15. Benton Harbor 24, 16. Eau Claire 15, 17. River Valley 13, 18. Buchanan 7.5, 19. Berrien Springs 0.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

103 – Nolan Wertanen (St. Joe) d. Mikey Robles (Niles) 6-1
112 – Jamison Zimmerman (Niles) d. Cameron Litaker (Lakeshore) 5-2
119 – Aaron Lucio (Lakeshore) p. Trevor Pelton (Watervliet) 2:44
125 – Jonathan Gelesko (Lakeshore) d. Mat Cox (Brandywine) 7-3
130 – Ryan Franco (Niles) d. Jacob Halsey (St. Joseph) 4-3
135 – Javond Ball (Niles) d. Micah Hanau (Lakeshore) 3-1
140 – Shane Williams (Lakeshore) d. Landyn VanWyk (Lawton) 4-2
145 – Hunter Heath (Brandywine) p. Jacob Reece (Edwardsburg) 5:14
152 – Ian Ishmael (Coloma) d. Trevor Winkel (S. Haven) 8-7
160 – Dashiande Harris-Moore (B. Harbor) d. Lamberto Paredes (Dowagiac) 9-7 (OT)
171 – Jared Checkley (Decatur) d. Gage Collins (Cassopolis) 7-3
189 – Isaac Hall (Constantine) p. Jackson Calvert (S. Haven) 1:21
215 – Zeke Rohl (Lakeshore) injury def. Boe Eckman (Constantine)
285 – Cole Alsup (Coloma) p. Wyatt Bailey (Dowagiac) 4:53

CONSOLATION (Third place)

103 – Jordan Simpson (Dowagiac) d. Ronaldo Vergara (S. Haven) 7-3; 112 – Caeleb Ishmael (Coloma) p. Collin Staneart (St. Joe) 2:55; 119 – Carson Landon (Niles) d. Jack Sherman (St. Joe) 3-1; 125 – Bailey Delatorre (Lakeshore) p. Colton Strawderman (Edwardsburg) 0:27; 130 – Alex McIntosh (Dowagiac) d. Ray Woodall (S. Haven) 5-2; 135 – Austin Peacock (Edwardsburg) d. Andrew Forker (R.Valley) 4-2; 140 – Jackson Hoover (Edwardsburg) d. Skylar Means (Niles) 6-2
145 – James Harris (Lakeshore) p. Kade Wagley (Niles) 0:16; 152 -Nate Andrina (Edwardsburg) p. Hunter Fazi (Niles) 1:21; 160 – Matt Morris (St. Joe) p. Isaiah Yazel (Watervliet) 0:46; 171 – Tafara Rakunda (Lakeshore) d. Ivory McCullough (Niles) 5-3; 189 – Drake Collins (St. Joe) d. Blake Colley (Marcellus) 6-2; 215 – Mike Schlup (Dowagiac) p. Chris Schultz (Dowagiac) 0:44; 285 – Kenny Mann (Decatur) p. Preston Calvert (S. Haven) 4:05.

CONSOLATION (Fifth place)

103 – Dustin Mallory (Lawton) p. Tyler Lucas (Lakeshore) 0:59; 112 – Conner Pickens (Niles) d. Andy Castelucci (Edwardsburg) 9-7; 119 – Kyle Stampfly (Lakeshore) m.d. Nick Eaton (Edwardsburg) 10-0; 125 – Dane Wilson (Edwardsburg) p. Walker Barz (Buchanan) 0:49; 130 – William Westpahl (Cass) d. Dylan Reiff (Constantine) 8-5; Romeo Lopez (Decatur) d. Gage Ensign (Constantine) 11-5; 140 – Nate Palmer (S. Haven) p. Derek Hess (Edwardsburg) 3:25
145 – Troy Demas (Constantine) d. Carter Cosby (Lawton) 5-3; 152 – Darian Davis (Eau Claire) p. Jeremy Walker (Edwardsburg) 2:44; 160 – Andrew O'Donnell (Lawton) m.d. Dylan Anderson (Dowagiac) 14-6; 171 – Travis Marsh (Marcellus) p. Malakai Haines (Dowagiac) 3:15; 189 – Don Smith (Watervliet) p. Chandler Babcock (Decatur) 2:44; 215 – Jon Camirillo (Decatur) p. Trevor Wilson (Marcellus) 1:31; 285 – Caiden Smith (Niles) p. Malachi Bell (Lakeshore) 0:28.

Simpson gets playoff win in Phoenix

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Webb Simpson birdied the last three holes he played Sunday to go from a two-shot deficit with two holes to play to a playoff victory over Tony Finau in the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Finau missed an 8-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole in regulation for the victory. He drove left into the church pew bunkers on the 18th in the playoff and missed an 18-foot birdie try to set up Simpson's winning putt.

Simpson two-putted from the fringe on the short par-4 17th for birdie, and he made a 17-foot birdie putt on the 18th in regulation to close with a 2-under 69 on the TPC Scottsdale. He finished at 17-under 267.

Finau, trying to win for only the second time in his PGA Tour career, shot 70.

Justin Thomas shot 65 and tied for third with Bubba Watson (66) and Nate Lashley (68).

Ross D. Franklin

Webb Simpson pumps his fist after sinking the winning putt on the first playoff hole during the final round of the Waste Management Phoenix Open on Sunday.

EUROPEAN TOUR

KING ABDULLAH ECONOMIC CITY, Saudi Arabia – Graeme McDowell closed with an even-par 70 to win the Saudi International by two shots over Dustin Johnson and collect his first European Tour title since 2014.

With the victory, McDowell moves back into the top 50 in the world for the first time in nearly five years.

He finished at 12-under 268 for his 16th victory worldwide.

Defending champion Dustin Johnson pitched in for eagle on the final hole for a 3-under 67 to close within two shots.

Phil Mickelson shot 67 and tied for third with Thomas Pieters (65) and Gavin Green (70).

Brooks Koepka, the No. 1 player in the world, closed with a 2-over 72 to tie for 17th. Koepka will have lost his No. 1 ranking to Rory McIlroy when both return at Riviera on the PGA Tour in two weeks.

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS

MARRAKECH, Morocco – Brett Quigley did in two starts on the PGA Tour Championship which he never did it 408 attempts on the PGA Tour: He won.

Quigley saved par on the final two holes for a 6-under 66 for a one-shot victory in the Morocco Champions, which ended on Saturday. It was Quigley's first victory since the Arkansas Classic in 2001 on what is now the Korn Ferry Tour.

Michigan beats No. 25 Rutgers; Spartans fall to Badgers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Brandon Johns Jr. left Madison Square Garden with a black eye, but also the best game of his career.

Johns Jr. scored a career-high 20 points and Michigan won its 10th straight in games at the Garden, beating No. 25 Rutgers 69-63 on Saturday.

"This is something that has happened all season long, game by game. Brandon's been playing great for us all year," Michigan coach Juwan Howard said. "This is not just today. Brandon's been playing great for us all year. A lot of things that he's doing to help us win don't really show up in the box score."

Including the purple welt that was forming under his right eye while sitting on the dais for the postgame news conference. Bumps and bruises that are becoming regular for Michigan's sophomore big man.

"I guess it's just normal for me now," Johns said. "But I'll take it. I'll give everything to help the team win."

Jon Teske added 14 points as the Wolverines (13-8, 4-6 Big Ten) improved to 12-0 against Rutgers, including a victory in the 1976 Final Four.

It also was the Wolverines' first game winning this season when scoring under 70 points.

They were previously 0-6.

Michigan used a 20-5 run over a 10-minute span in the first half to take a 27-17 lead. Montez Mathis hit 3-pointers on back-to back possessions as Rutgers (16-6, 7-4) chipped away, pulling within 37-34 at the break.

Wisconsin 64, Michigan State 63

MADISON, Wis. — Nate Reuvers scored 15 points and D'Mitrik Trice had 14 to help Wisconsin edge the No. 14 Spartans 64-63 on Saturday. The win for Wisconsin snapped an eight-game losing streak in the series against Michigan State.

Aleem Ford, who shot 5 of 6 from the field and made a pair of 3-point baskets, matched a career high with 13 points.

Wisconsin earned the win despite missing both Davison and Kobe King. The team's second-leading scorer, King announced this week that he intended to transfer.

The Badgers (13-9, 6-5 Big Ten) shot 57.7 percent from the field in the first half and had 12 points in the paint before halftime.

Cassius Winston scored a game-high 23 points and Rocket Watts had 16 for Michigan State (16-6, 8-3), which has lost three of its last four Big Ten road games.

Winston scored the Spartans' final five points, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Spartans fought back after a sluggish first half with a 17-2 run.

Winston scored seven points during that second-half stretch. The standout guard's jumper with 11:22 to go pulled Michigan State within three points at 50-47.

Wisconsin held Michigan State to season lows in free throws made and attempted. The Spartans went just 3 of 4 from the line.

Davison, who had 21 starts this season, did not play due to a suspension for a flagrant foul he committed late in the Badgers' loss at Iowa.

Michigan State hosts Penn State on Tuesday night in the first of two regular-season meetings between the teams.

Djokovic comes back for 8th Australian Open title, 17th Slam

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MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic was looking weary and worn down. He felt dizzy and trailed Dominic Thiem in the Australian Open final – miscues mounting, deficit growing.

Djokovic did what he does, though. He refused to lose, waited for a chance to pounce and found his best tennis when absolutely necessary. Even threw in a wrinkle, serve-and-volleying twice when facing break point.

Regaining his stamina and strokes, and showing some gutsy creativity, Djokovic came back to edge Thiem 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 Sunday night for an eighth Australian Open title, second in a row, and 17th Grand Slam trophy overall.

"I was on the brink of losing the match. Dominic ... disrupted my rhythm in my game at one point. He was a better player," Djokovic said. "Probably one point – and one shot – separated us tonight."

Nonetheless, Djokovic improved his record in semifinals and finals at Melbourne Park to 16-0 and assured himself of returning to No. 1 in the rankings, replacing Rafael Nadal.

No other man in the history of tennis has won this hard-court tournament more than six times. Only Roger Federer, with 20, and Nadal, with 19, have won more men's Grand Slam singles trophies than Djokovic.

"Amazing achievement. Unreal what you're doing throughout all these years," said the fifth-seeded Thiem, who is 0-3 in major finals. "You and also two other guys, I think you brought men's tennis to a complete new level."

Both finalists spoke about the devastating wildfires that have killed dozens of people and millions of animals around Australia. Djokovic also mentioned the recent deaths of NBA star Kobe Bryant and one of his daughters in a helicopter crash.

Addressing Thiem, Djokovic said: "I am sure you will definitely get one of the Grand Slam trophies. More than one."

A little more than six months after saving a pair of championship points against Federer en route to winning a five-set Wimbledon final, Djokovic again showed that he can't ever be counted out, coming back from two-sets-to-one behind in a Grand Slam title match for the first time.

It didn't come easily for the 32-year-old from Serbia. He lost six games in a row in one stretch to Thiem, who plays a similar baseline game and eliminated Nadal in the quarterfinals.

Djokovic visited by a doctor and trainer in the third set and, desperate to hydrate, guzzled bottles of water and energy drink. He lectured the chair umpire about time violations.

"My energy dropped significantly," Djokovic said at his news conference, sipping an anti-oxidant drink instead of the Champagne offered by tournament director Craig Tiley.

This was not the dominant Djokovic who made a hard-to-believe total of nine unforced errors during his straight-set triumph over Nadal in the final a year ago. Djokovic eclipsed that total in the first set alone Sunday, finishing with 57.

It was a physical test offering plenty of entertaining exchanges, with 61 points lasting at least nine shots apiece.

"Very demanding," Thiem said.

"Of course," he said, "I just feel a lot of emptiness right now."

At two key moments, Djokovic abandoned his usual grind-points-out script and went on the attack, rushing to the net after a serve when facing a break point – first, at 2-1 in the fourth set, then again at 2-1 in the fifth.

Paid off both times.

"Not characteristic of me," Djokovic said. "Kind of all-or-nothing."

Making a charge as his less-experienced foe faltered, Djokovic broke to lead 5-3 in the fourth set, helped by a sloppy volley into the net tape, a double-fault and a bad forehand by Thiem.

A break early in the fifth helped Djokovic clutch the silver Australian Open trophy he also won in 2008, 2011-13, 2015-16 and 2019.

He adds that haul to his five titles from Wimbledon, three from the U.S. Open and one from the French Open.

Thiem, an Austrian who is 26, was the runner-up to Nadal at Roland Garros each of the past two years and was again trying to become the first man born in the 1990s to win a major singles title.

Instead, the Big Three have won 13 consecutive Slams and 56 of the last 67.

"It's unique in sports history that the three best players – by far – are playing in the same era," Thiem said. "That's what makes it very, very difficult for other players to break through."

The status quo appeared in peril in the third set, when Djokovic merely watched and shook his head as a lob by Thiem curled over him and in. Djokovic didn't chase it. Wasn't entirely clear right then what the problem was, but perhaps he knew he needed to save some strength.

Heat, so often a factor in Melbourne, was not an issue. The crisp, cool conditions were pretty much ideal at the start, with a light breeze and the temperature around 70 degrees (20 Celsius). That dropped as the natural light faded, first leaving a violet ceiling of sky before nightfall arrived, accompanied by alarmingly loud squawks from a flock of seagulls perched on steel railings atop the arena.

Kenin tops Muguruza for women's title

MELBOURNE, Australia — This, essentially, was where Sofia Kenin was going to win or lose the Australian Open final: She was down love-40 while serving at 2-all in the third set against two-time major champion Garbiñe Muguruza.

Kenin sensed this was the moment that would matter. Up in the stands of Rod Laver Arena, so did her father, Alex, who's also her coach.

"I knew I had to take my chance," Kenin said. "I had to be brave."

Sure was. The 21-year-old American won the next five points, each with a winner – one an ace, the others clean groundstrokes to cap exchanges of 11 shots or more – and was on her way to becoming a Grand Slam champion.

Demonstrative as can be – whether spiking a ball, dropping her red-white-and-blue racket or slapping her thigh – and at her best when necessary, the 14th-seeded Kenin won the first major final of her career Saturday by coming back to beat a fading Muguruza 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 at Melbourne Park.

"That's the game I feel, like, changed things. I had to play some (of my) best tennis. I did," Kenin said. "After that, I was on fire. I was ready to take the beautiful trophy."

SCOREBOARD

AREA SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb. 3
Boys basketball
Bridgman at Eau Claire, 7:30
Girls basketball
Buchanan at Michigan Lutheran, 7:30
Lake Michigan Catholic at Andrews, 7
Bowling
Martin at Coloma (Kelley's Bowl), 4
Tuesday, Feb. 4
Boys basketball
South Bend Clay at Benton Harbor, 7
Gull Lake at Lakeshore, 7
Niles at BC Central, 7
Berrien Springs at Lawrence, 7
Coloma at Lawton, 7
Buchanan at Michigan Lutheran, 7:30
Decatur at Eau Claire, 7:30
Bloomingdale at Hartford, 7:30
Girls basketball
Benton Harbor at Wyo. Godwin Heights, 6:30
Bridgman at Dowagiac, 6:30
Portage Northern at Watervliet, 7
Lawton at Coloma, 7
Lakeshore at Gull Lake, 7:15
Berrien Springs at New Buffalo, 7:30
Hartford at Bloomingdale, 7:30
Boys swimming
South Haven at Otsego, 6

BOYS BOWLING

SOUTH HAVEN BAKER TOURNEY

Championship – Allegan d. Niles.
Qualifying – 1. Niles 1949.
Team total (14 games) – Niles 2258.

GIRLS BOWLING

SOUTH HAVEN BAKER TOURNEY

Qualifying – 4. Niles 1602.
Team total (14 games) – Niles 2200.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

BC HARPER CREEK INV.

Team standings – 1. BC Lakeview, 2. BC Pennfield, 3. Lawrence 598.8 (183.5, 167.5, 247.8).
Complete results unavailable

GIRLS BASKETBALL

LAWRENCE 54, COVERT 6

Lawrence – Kaylee Stroud 19 points.
Records – Lawrence 4-5 BCS White, 4-10; Covert 0-9, 1-9.
Complete results unavailable

BOYS BASKETBALL

SOUTH BEND ADAMS 57, LAKESHORE 43

Lakeshore	**15**	**9**	**10**	**9** —	**43**
SB Adams	**13**	**13**	**14**	**17** —	**57**

Records – Lakeshore 10-2, SB Adams 14-2.
Complete results unavailable

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	36	14	.720	—
Boston	33	15	.688	2
Phila.	31	19	.620	5
Brooklyn	21	27	.438	14
New York	14	36	.280	22

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	33	15	.688	—
Orlando	21	28	.429	12½
Washington	17	31	.354	16
Charlotte	16	33	.327	17½
Atlanta	13	37	.260	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	42	7	.857	—
Indiana	31	18	.633	11
Chicago	19	33	.365	24½
Detroit	18	33	.353	25
Cleveland	13	37	.260	29½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	31	18	.633	—
Dallas	30	19	.612	1
Memphis	24	25	.490	7
San Antonio	22	26	.458	8½
New Orleans	20	30	.400	11½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	34	16	.680	—
Utah	32	17	.653	1½
Oklahoma City	30	20	.600	4
Portland	23	27	.460	11
Minnesota	15	33	.313	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	37	11	.771	—
L.A. Clippers	34	15	.694	3½
Phoenix	20	29	.408	17½
Sacramento	18	31	.367	19½
Golden State	11	39	.220	27

Saturday's Games
L.A. Clippers 118, Minnesota 106
Miami 102, Orlando 89
New York 92, Indiana 85
Washington 113, Brooklyn 107
Golden State 131, Cleveland 112
Dallas 123, Atlanta 100
Boston 116, Phila. 95
San Antonio 114, Charlotte 90
L.A. Lakers 129, Sacramento 113
Portland 124, Utah 107
Sunday's Games
Detroit 128, Denver 123, OT
Houston 117, New Orleans 109
Milwaukee 129, Phoenix 108
Toronto 129, Chicago 102
Today's Games
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Phila. at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 8 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Sunday's Men's Scores
EAST
Brandeis 87, Carnegie Mellon 68
Canisius 66, Marist 65
Case Western 85, City Colllege (NY) 77
Duquesne 71, La Salle 69
Emory 80, WUSL 67
Georgetown 73, St. John's 72
Hamilton 78, Wesleyan (Conn.) 67
Manhattan 72, Iona 49
Monmouth (NJ) 90, Rider 84
Niagara 75, Quinnipiac 59
Pittsburgh 62, Miami 57
SOUTH
Centenary 71, Trinity (Texas) 65
Centre 82, Millsaps 70
Huntingdon 86, Berea 75
MIDWEST
Green Bay 92, Wright St. 89
Iowa 72, Illinois 65
N. Kentucky 65, Milwaukee 56
Rochester 64, Chicago 59
South Dakota 81, Omaha 80
FAR WEST
Hawaii 80, CS Northridge 75
UCLA 73, Utah 57

Saturday's results

WISCONSIN 64, NO. 14 MICHIGAN ST. 63

MICHIGAN ST. (16-6)
Henry 2-6 0-0 5, Tillman 3-15 0-0 7, Winston 9-19 2-2 23, Watts 6-13 0-0 16, Hall 1-1 0-0 2, Ahrens 1-2 0-0 3, Bingham 0-1 1-2 1, Kithier 1-1 0-0 2, Loyer 2-3 0-0 4, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Marble 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-63 3-4 63.
WISCONSIN (13-9)
Pritzl 4-11 0-0 10, Trice 3-12 6-9 14, Ford 5-6 1-1 13, Reuvers 5-9 3-3 15, Potter 2-5 2-2 6, Wahl 1-7 0-0 2, Anderson 2-4 0-0 4, McGrory 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-54 12-15 64.
Halftime—Wisconsin 43-27. 3-Point Goals—Michigan St. 10-25 (Watts 4-10, Winston 3-5, Ahrens 1-1, Henry 1-3, Tillman 1-4, Bingham 0-1, Loyer 0-1), Wisconsin 8-25 (Ford 2-2, Reuvers 2-3, Pritzl 2-7, Trice 2-7, Anderson 0-1, Potter 0-2, Wahl 0-3). Rebounds—Michigan St. 35 (Tillman 14), Wisconsin 29 (Pritzl 7). Assists—Michigan St. 14 (Tillman 5), Wisconsin 10 (Trice 5). Total Fouls—Michigan St. 16, Wisconsin 9.

MICHIGAN 69, NO. 25 RUTGERS 63

RUTGERS (16-6)
Mathis 7-15 1-1 17, McConnell 5-14 0-0 10, Johnson 2-7 2-4 6, Yeboah 4-10 0-0 10, Harper 1-10 0-0 3, Baker 1-9 0-0 3, Young 5-14 0-0 10, Carter 1-1 0-0 2, Mulcahy 1-3 0-0 2, Doucoure 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-83 3-5 63.
MICHIGAN (13-8)
E.Brooks 3-9 0-0 9, Johns 7-13 2-5 20, Simpson 1-5 7-9 9, Wagner 3-6 3-3 10, Teske 4-8 4-5 13, Davis 4-4 0-2 8, DeJulius 0-2 0-0 0, Nunez 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-47 16-24 69.
Halftime—Michigan 37-34. 3-Point Goals—Rutgers 6-24 (Yeboah 2-3, Mathis 2-5, Harper 1-4, Baker 1-5, Mulcahy 0-1, McConnell 0-3, Young 0-3), Michigan 9-19 (Johns 4-7, E.Brooks 3-6, Teske 1-2, Wagner 1-3, Simpson 0-1). Rebounds—Rutgers 43 (Mathis, Johnson 8), Michigan 32 (Johns, Teske 7). Assists—Rutgers 6 (Baker 3), Michigan 17 (Simpson 10). Total Fouls—Rutgers 21, Michigan 12. A—13,127 (19,812).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	53	31	10	12	74	177	137
Tampa Bay	52	32	15	5	69	188	145
Toronto	52	28	17	7	63	188	171
Florida	50	28	17	5	61	183	167
Montreal	54	24	23	7	55	167	166
Buffalo	52	23	22	7	53	150	161
Ottawa	52	18	24	10	46	142	176
Detroit	53	12	37	4	28	111	204

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	53	35	13	5	75	193	158
Pittsburgh	52	33	14	5	71	176	142
Columbus	53	28	16	9	65	143	135
N.Y. Islanders	50	29	15	6	64	146	136
Carolina	52	30	19	3	63	166	139
Philadelphia	52	28	17	7	63	167	157
N.Y. Rangers	50	25	21	4	54	163	161
New Jersey	51	18	24	9	45	137	185

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	53	31	14	8	70	168	150
Colorado	50	28	16	6	62	182	149
Dallas	51	29	18	4	62	134	129
Chicago	52	25	21	6	56	158	163
Winnipeg	53	26	23	4	56	158	164
Nashville	51	24	20	7	55	169	171
Minnesota	51	23	22	6	52	157	172

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	53	30	18	5	65	177	159
Edmonton	52	28	18	6	62	170	162
Vegas	54	27	20	7	61	168	162
Calgary	53	27	20	6	60	146	163
Arizona	54	26	21	7	59	152	148
San Jose	53	22	27	4	48	136	177
Anaheim	52	21	26	5	47	134	161
Los Angeles	53	19	29	5	43	131	167

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Saturday's Games
Buffalo 2, Columbus 1, OT
Vancouver 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
Montreal 4, Florida 0
Winnipeg 5, St. Louis 2
Philadelphia 6, Colorado 3
N.Y. Rangers 1, Detroit 0
Dallas 3, New Jersey 2, OT
Toronto 2, Ottawa 1, OT
Vegas 3, Nashville 0
Boston 6, Minnesota 1
Chicago 3, Arizona 2, SO
Edmonton 8, Calgary 3
Tampa Bay 3, San Jose 0
Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 1
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3
Columbus 4, Montreal 3
Carolina 4, Vancouver 3, SO
Monday's Games
Dallas at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Florida at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Colorado at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Florida at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Washington, 7 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Boston, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Arizona, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

Australian Open
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Men's Singles
Championship
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Dominic Thiem (5), Austria, 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Men's Doubles
Championship
Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (11), Britain, def. Luke Saville and Max Purcell, Australia, 6-4, 6-2.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES – Designated RHP Trevor Kelley for assignment. Claimed RHP Reggie McClain off waivers from Seattle.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES – Assigned D Kyle Capobianco to Tucson (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS – Recalled F Phillip Di Giuseppe from Hartford (AHL).

GOLF

Waste Management Phoenix Open
Sunday
At TPC Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Purse: $7.3 million
Yardage: 7,261 Par: 71
Final
x-Webb Simpson won on first playoff hole

x-Webb Simpson (500), $1,314,000	71-63-64-69	—	267	-17
Tony Finau (300), $795,700	69-66-62-70	—	267	-17
Nate Lashley (145), $386,900	66-67-69-68	—	270	-14
Justin Thomas (145), $386,900	68-68-69-65	—	270	-14
Bubba Watson (145), $386,900	69-66-69-66	—	270	-14
Max Homa (95), $255,500	72-67-64-68	—	271	-13
Scott Piercy (95), $255,500	67-65-68-71	—	271	-13
Adam Long (85), $228,125	66-68-66-72	—	272	-12
Daniel Berger (66), $170,768	69-71-66-67	—	273	-11
Branden Grace (66), $170,768	67-67-70-69	—	273	-11
Billy Horschel (66), $170,768	63-68-73-69	—	273	-11
Mark Hubbard (66), $170,768	69-68-64-72	—	273	-11
Jon Rahm (66), $170,768	67-68-68-70	—	273	-11
Byeong Hun An (66), $170,768	65-66-70-72	—	273	-11
Hudson Swafford (66), $170,768	66-67-66-74	—	273	-11
Harris English (45), $97,212	65-72-68-69	—	274	-10
Brandon Hagy (45), $97,212	67-69-69-69	—	274	-10
Matt Kuchar (45), $97,212	68-70-67-69	—	274	-10
Hideki Matsuyama (45), $97,212	67-74-65-68	—	274	-10
Keith Mitchell (45), $97,212	68-67-70-69	—	274	-10
Patrick Rodgers (45), $97,212	67-69-70-68	—	274	-10
J.B. Holmes (45), $97,212	64-65-70-75	—	274	-10
Russell Knox (45), $97,212	71-67-67-69	—	274	-10

TIGERS

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throws) and 14 rebounds, had to work for every point with the speedy 5-foot-11 Davis in his hip pocket.

"He's our best defensive player," Benton Harbor coach Corey Sterling said. "He's ball hungry and always has been. He's very strong and was able to get down on Emoni. Emoni doesn't like to post up, so it made sense."

After a slow start which saw the Railsplitters take a 6-0 lead, it was all Benton Harbor. The Tigers went on a 24-8 run to close out the quarter to take a 24-14 lead into the second.

The Tigers kept their foot on the gas in the second quarter, with Davis knocking down three of his four first-half 3-pointers in the second quarter. The Tigers led by as many as 23 points in the first half and took a 44-28 lead into the second half.

Benton Harbor didn't let up in the third, with a Kentrell Pullian 3-pointer capping an 8-0 Tigers run to start the quarter to effectively put the game out of reach.

Greg Cooper and William Suggs added 12 points apiece for the Tigers, who knocked down 12 3-pointers in the game.

"We came out with a lot of intensity," Sterling said. "This is one of the games we were waiting on to really prove how far we've come as a unit and I think we did that."

Braelan Green scored 12 points for Lincoln and DeCorion Temple added 11.

The Railsplitters had no answers for the Tigers' balanced attack. Lincoln coach Jesse Davis, displeased with his team's defensive effort, pulled all five starters midway through the third quarter, including Bates. Bates would return moments later.

With a win in tow, Davis hopes the Tigers can use the win as fuel that leads to a championship run.

"This game just goes to show what we're capable of," he said. "If we keep this up, good things will happen. We've got a game on Tuesday, so we just need to keep up the good work."

BENTON HARBOR 73, YPSILANTI LINCOLN 51

BENTON HARBOR (51)
Carlos Johnson 7 2-2 19, Quindarius Davis 6 0-0 16, Greg Cooper 6 0-0 12, William Suggs 5 0-0 12, Joseph Johnson 3 0-1 7, Kentrell Pullian 2 1-2 7. Totals: 29 3-5 17.
LINCOLN (51)
Emoni Bates 9 9-13 27, Braelan Green 6 0-1 12, DeCorion Temple 5 0-3 11, Ibn Abdul-Rahman 0 1-2 1, Davion Harvin 0 0-1 0. Totals: 20 10-20 51.

Benton Harbor	**24**	**20**	**14**	**15** --	**73**
Lincoln	**14**	**14**	**8**	**15** --	**51**

3-point goals – Benton Harbor 12 (Davis 4, C. Johnson 3, Suggs 2, Pullian 2, J. Johnson), Lincoln 1 (Temple). Rebounds – Benton Harbor (C. Johnson 17), Lincoln (Bates 14). Total fouls – Benton Harbor 16, Lincoln 10. Fouled out – None. Technical Fouls – None.
Records – Benton Harbor 11-1, Lincoln 9-2.

TITANS

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all 18 of his points on six 3-pointers.

"We were able to get some open looks," Lutheran coach Jeff Wallace said. "Sometimes when the first few go down, you get comfortable.

"Nick shot extremely well. Feet set, he's got the capability of doing that on a regular basis. It's impressive for him, he had a nice game."

Catholic (2-7, 2-8) trailed just 29-19 early in the third quarter, but Lutheran finished the period with an 11-1 run, capped by an Alex Ritter 3-pointer to make it 40-20 after three.

The Titans also had strong inside play, getting eight points from Adam Rosenbaum and seven from Abdul Erby. Both players also had eight rebounds, and Cameron Guse added six.

"The post guys running in transition really got up and down the floor well," Wallace said. "We work on that every day, bigs running the floor."

The Titans' inside threat helped create space for their shooters.

"We were so worried about their big guys that we sucked everything in defensively," Catholic coach Josh Beckmann said. "You're going to have to give something up, and I'd rather give up a 30-footer as opposed to a 2-footer with their size. Give credit to them, they played really hard."

Matthew Rochefort led Catholic with seven points.

"We're cutting down on turnovers, they're getting a little more aggressive," Beckmann said. "They know they're getting better and they see that. They're young, inexperienced, but they work really hard. We just see progression and we're going in the right direction. But a team like (Lutheran) with that size, if they continue to shoot like that they're going to be pretty tough to beat."

In the girls game, Mara Rugen led Lutheran (9-0, 11-0) with 24 points and six steals, often scoring off turnovers.

"What's kind of special is not only is her defense doing what it normally does, but she's starting to pass the ball very well," Lutheran coach Ron Briney said. "She's improved her outside game as well, she's not just a catch-and-finisher. She's got an all-around game that's coming about here and she's doing a great job.

Catholic (5-4, 6-6) was held scoreless in the first half of its first meeting with Lutheran this season, but got off to a better start Saturday as Emily Lage scored on the game's first possession. Lage finished with seven points and seven rebounds, both team highs.

"We're a completely different team than we were at the beginning of the season," Catholic coach Mary Vojtko said. "We know that we can play good Laker basketball if we just focus in and battle.

"We're a small team, but we have a lot of heart and we play with a lot of passion."

Lutheran quickly took control with its pressure, building a 22-9 lead by the end of the first quarter. Catholic had 31 turnovers for the game.

"I gave major props to Briney and the program that he has," Vojtko said. "They have an awesome backcourt press. We worked on playing against it all week. There were a few times we struggled at the beginning because we didn't really have anybody in the middle of the floor. Once we got somebody in the middle of the floor, we did a little bit better job of breaking it, but it gave us some struggles tonight."

Abby Harris had 12 points for Lutheran. Eight different players scored for the Titans, who were missing starter Maria Rush to illness and had several other players not at 100 percent.

"Just as a team, there's kids that are elevating their game and that's excellent," Briney said. "The improvement that was shown by LMC from the first time that we played them to here, they're doing a great job of improving, so you better improve with them. That's what a good rivalry will do for you. I'm very proud of our kids and what they accomplished here tonight."

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 61, LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 25

CATHOLIC (25)
Elena Proos 1 0-0 2, Claire LaSata 1 2-3 5, Maggie Tidey 2 0-0 6, Chloe Mills 1 3-4 5, Emily Lage 3 1-4 7, Holly Starr 0 0-1 0. Totals: 8 6-12 25.
LUTHERAN (61)
Mara Rugen 11 1-2 24, Lexi Tobias 1 1-2 3, Abby Harris 6 0-0 12, Jessi Jewell 4 0-0 8, Clare Berghaus 1 0-0 2, Hailey Conrad 1 0-0 2, Rebekah Hisle 1 1-2 3, Jenna Koehler 3 0-0 7. Totals: 28 3-6 61.

Catholic	**9**	**7**	**5**	**4** —	**25**
Lutheran	**22**	**8**	**20**	**11** —	**61**

3-point goals – Catholic 3 (Tidey 2, LaSata), Lutheran 2 (Rugen, Koehler). Total fouls – Catholic 11, Lutheran 11. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Catholic 22 (Lage 7), Lutheran 28 (Jewell 6, Hisle 6). Steals – Rugen (ML) 6. Assists – Jewell (ML) 6.
Records – Catholic 5-4 BCS White, 6-6; Lutheran 9-0, 11-0.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 52, LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 24

CATHOLIC (24)
Max Allen 0 0-2 0, Vincent Ireland 0 1-3 1, Diego Nerio 1 1-3 4, Jake Koenig 1 2-4 4, Matt Rochefort 3 0-0 7, Jake Jozwiak 1 0-2 2, Andy Conklin 0 0-4 0, Charles LaSata 2 0-0 4, Jon Jollay 1 0-0 2. Totals: 9 4-18 24.
LUTHERAN (52)
Alex Ritter 2 0-0 6, AJ DeWeerd 1 0-0 3, Max Plocher 2 0-0 4, Jordan Ramirez 1 0-0 2, Nick Lockman 6 0-0 18, Abdul Erby 1 4-10 7, Adam Rosenbaum 3 2-2 8, Cameron Guse 1 1-4 4. Totals: 17 7-16 52.

Catholic	**8**	**6**	**6**	**4** —	**24**
Lutheran	**16**	**11**	**13**	**12** —	**52**

3-point goals – Catholic 2 (Nerio, Rochefort), Lutheran 11 (Lockman 6, Ritter 2, DeWeerd, Erby, Guse). Total fouls – Catholic 16, Lutheran 17. Fouled out – Ramirez (ML). Technical fouls – none.
Records – Catholic 2-7 BCS White, 2-8; Lutheran 4-3, 6-4.

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PRIME TIME TV

MONDAY EVENING FEB. 3

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor The group travels to Costa Rica. (N) CC					
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Neighbor-hood		All Rise "Bye Bye Bernie" (N) CC		Bull A fertility clinic mix-up. (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Holly-wood	America's Got Talent Twelve acts compete for the finals. (N) CC				Manifest "Coordinated Flight" (N)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	9-1-1: Lone Star "Act of God" (N) CC		:01 Prodigal Son "Wait & Hope" (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Antiques Road	Antiques Roadshow Margaret Cable box.		American Masters Legacy of playwright August Wilson. CC			Art & Design
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	All American "The Crossroads" (N)		Black Lightning (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. "Prison Ball" CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	All American "The Crossroads" (N)		Black Lightning (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heart-land	Heartland Jeremy is refusing treatment.		Highway to Heaven CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 02.03.20" (N) CC			
AMC	★★ The Outsiders	The Book of Eli ('10, Adventure) Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis. CC					:35 The Duel
Animal	Alaska	Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaskan Bush	
BET	5:30 12 Years a Slave ('13)			12 ★★★ Creed ('15) Michael B. Jordan.			
Big Ten	Basket	Women's College Basketball				B1G	B1G
Bravo	:00 Below Deck (N)	Below Deck "Big Girls, Do Cry" CC		Below Deck Sailing Yacht CC		Spy Games "Breaking and Entering" (N)	
Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	Get On Up ('14)	The Hate U Give ('18) Amandla Stenberg, Regina Hall. (P). CC				:15 ★★★ Crazy Rich Asians	
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man
CNBC	Greed	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)	
CNN	4:00 America's Choice 2020: Iowa Caucus (N) (L) CC						
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws "North vs. South" Chris Rankin's team lands in Memphis. (N) CC					
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Restored	Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Frasers	Nightly
ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball Texas at Kansas. (N)			
ESPN2	Women's College Basketball			College Basketball Baylor at Kansas State.			
ESPNC	Basket	College Football				College Football	
Food	Diners	Girl Scout Cookie		Kids Baking		Chopped Sweets	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Pistons	NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Memphis Grizzlies.					Pistons
Freefrm	6:00 ★★ Pearl Harbor ('01, War) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett, Kate Beckinsale. (P). CC					Party of Five "Rafa" CC	
FX	:00 ★★★ Avatar ('09) Sam Worthington. A former Marine falls in love with a native of a lush alien world. CC						Avatar
Golf	Golf	PGA Tour Golf Waste Management Phoenix Open, Final Round.					
Hallmark	All for Love ('17)	Winter Love Story ('19, Romance) Jen Lilley, Kevin McGarry. CC				All of My Heart ('15) Lacey Chabert.	
HBO	6:50 ★★★ Bridesmaids ('11, Comedy) Kristen Wiig. CC			The New Pope "Fourth Episode" (N)		McMillion$ (Series (P)) (N) CC	
History	Pickers	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		:03 Pawn Stars (N)	
HGTV	Home	Home Town CC		Home Town (N)		One/Kind	One/Kind
Learning	Say Yes	90 Day Fiance: Watch Party "Blindsided"				90 Day Fiancé	
Lifetime	6:00 The Call	★ When the Bough Breaks ('16, Drama) Morris Chestnut, Regina Hall, Romany Malco. CC					Dirty Teacher
MSNBC	5:00 Iowa Caucus: Decision 2020 Coverage of the Iowa caucus. (N) CC						
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Detroit Red Wings.					Figure Skating	
NFL	NFL Total	Super Bowl Classics From Feb. 2, 2020. CC					
Nick	Cloudy With Meatballs			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Brain	Brain Games: Bonus		Brain Games (N)		David Blaine	
Oxygen	:00 NCIS CC	NCIS A girl is kid-napped. CC		NCIS A female bomb-tech is attacked.		NCIS "Royals and Loyals" CC	
Parmt	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops (N)	Cops
Showtime	★★ The Wedding Guest ('18, Suspense) Dev Patel. CC			:15 ★★ Donnybrook ('18, Suspense) Jamie Bell, Frank Grillo. CC			
Starz	6:57 ★★ The Equalizer 2 ('18) Denzel Washington. CC			Maiden ('18, Documentary) Tracy Edwards. (P). CC			Dazed & Conf.
STZENC	6:49 ★★★ The Game ('97) Michael Douglas. CC			Wrong Man "Evaristo Salas: The Letter"		9:56 Wrong Man CC	
SyFy	6:00 ★★★ Edge of Tomorrow			★ Gods of Egypt ('16, Fantasy) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Brenton Thwaites, Chadwick Boseman. CC			
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	American Dad
TCM	Bachelor Party	★★★ Bus Stop ('56) Marilyn Monroe, Don Murray. CC			:45 ★★★★ Some Like It Hot ('59) Tony Curtis. CC		
TMC	Gosford Park ('01)	★★★ Shakespeare in Love ('98) Joseph Fiennes, Gwyneth Paltrow. CC				:05 ★★★ A League of Their Own	
TNT	Huntsman	★★ Suicide Squad ('16) Will Smith. CC (DVS)					Dark Knt
Travel	Unexplain	Paranormal Caught on Camera CC				Bey.- Unknown	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	King	King
USA	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (L) CC					
VH1	Hip Hop	Love & Hip Hop (N)		Love & Hip Hop		:01 Love & Hip Hop	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

It's possible to get the flu even with a flu shot

DEAR DOCTOR: I got a flu shot this fall, but I still got sick. Why did this happen?

DEAR READER: Considering how this year's flu season is shaping up, we're not surprised by your question. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which tracks weekly flu statistics, the current season started early and has been unusually severe. Flu has been reported in all 50 states.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

The typical flu season runs from mid-fall to early spring, usually October through April. At this point, 46 states have reported widespread flu activity. And an unusual strain of the influenza virus is hitting harder than expected, particularly among children.

Influenza types A and B, two of the four known strains of influenza virus, account for the majority of illnesses. Type C is a milder form of the virus that is not associated with epidemics; type D appears in pigs and cattle, but not in humans. Historically, influenza type A accounts for three-fourths of all confirmed cases of the flu, with type B only showing up late in the season. However, this year, type B is making a stronger showing than type A, particularly in the southeastern U.S. This is important because of how each year's flu vaccine is developed.

Designated global partners, including the CDC, work with the World Health Organization to collect and analyze thousands of influenza virus samples. The goal is to spot trends, and, because influenza is a master at mutating, identify new strains. Based on this data, scientists develop a vaccine that targets the top three or four influenza viruses expected in the coming flu season. Sometimes the vaccine does not cover the flu strain that has made you sick. And when widespread anomalies occur, such as with this season's robust and early appearance of influenza type B, the vaccine isn't as widely effective as desired.

As for why you became ill despite getting a flu shot, there are several possibilities. It takes up to two weeks to build up immunity after a vaccine. If you're exposed to the flu during that interim, it's possible to get sick. The flu vaccine doesn't protect against all respiratory illnesses, so if you had a cold, often caused by the rhinovirus, the vaccine won't offer protection. And as we discussed earlier, you may have been infected with an influenza strain not covered by this year's vaccine. Even when this does happen, it is still advised that you get the vaccine every year. If you are vaccinated but do get the flu, studies show that the illness is more likely to be both milder and shorter. That's important because the main difference between a cold and the flu is that flu symptoms are more severe, last longer and can cause grave and even life-threatening complications.

For readers who haven't been vaccinated yet, it's not too late. With three or four months in an already challenging flu season, it would be wise to get your flu shot ASAP.

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My husband thinks I'm annoying and arrogant

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband recently said he thinks I'm annoying and arrogant. For example, when I meet someone new or we are out with his friends, I try to connect by sharing information on the subject matter we're discussing. My husband interprets that as trying to show off how smart I am. I told him that's not my intention, but he insists it is. What I thought was regular back-and-forth, he says the other person finds annoying and would never tell me that.

Carolyn Hax

He went on to say my storytelling is erratic and leaves out details, and he knows our friends find me annoying because of it.

But when I was trying to tell him something about work later on, he called this an example of me leaving out context and details ... except I had told him that stuff. I don't think he was listening.

Anyway, I've dialed my conversations with him way back at home, and I try to keep my thoughts to myself. I don't know what to do about socializing with his friends and family. I'd really rather bow out, but my husband wants me to get better, not give up.

Except every time I open my mouth now, I have to stop myself and calculate everything. I try to keep my responses to one-word answers even when asked about something.

The most frustrating thing is being around people who claim to like me and ask me about my life but find me annoying behind my back. It's so fake.

Another double date is coming up. Do I have a right to get out of it? I'm crying as I type this. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Oh no! Wait – who says your husband is right? Who says he speaks for your friends?

You say "people who claim to like me ... find me annoying behind my back" – as if it's a fact that everyone, or even *anyone*, finds you annoying. It sounds like your husband is gaslighting you.

You're certainly responding in a textbook way: doubting yourself, clamming up, taking his word as gospel. That's what gaslighting is about: A gaslighter undermines/criticizes/ridicules you until you doubt yourself so completely, you depend on your gaslighter as your one source of truth. You've described that exactly. He's telling *you* your *intentions*!

But let's say, for argument's sake, he's genuinely trying to help. Why are you taking his one opinion as the entire truth? Why isn't the cruelty of his criticism disqualifying?

I urge you to do the following, soon:

1) Counseling – SOLO, because abuse and gaslighting can corrupt the counseling process. If therapy isn't accessible (ask your primary care doctor), then, hotline – 1-800-799-SAFE.

2) Tell your people – siblings, friends pre-husband – what's going on, and ask their perspective.

3) Stand up to your husband. "Sure – we can all improve. I should ask more questions. But telling me I'm 'annoying and arrogant' is just mean. I wouldn't treat you that way. And I am not your student."

Skip 3 if you must, but not 1 or 2. Outside perspectives are your lifeline, no exaggeration. Don't let shame shut you down.

From readers:

That you are reflecting on this suggests you are not at all the arrogant one. – Please, please, please get an attorney. This is gaslighting. Protect yourself.

Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Caribou kin
4 Crafty
7 Youngster
10 Itch
11 Twitter
13 Finish a cake
14 Kind of trip
15 Give an address
16 That woman
17 Followed orders
19 Spud
21 Modern
22 Game piece
23 Preside
26 Malady
30 Chieftain
31 Musical scale note
32 Princess perturber
33 Chest-beater
34 Have a mortgage
35 Count (on)
36 Border river
39 Feudal estates
40 Filbert
41 Place (abbr.)
42 Foretell
45 Beat the rap
48 Hosp. staffer
49 Taken — (startled)
51 RV haven
53 — — glance
54 Fries and slaw
55 Constantly, to Poe
56 Leave wide-eyed
57 Danson or Kennedy
58 Title of respect, in India

DOWN
1 Observe
2 Construc-tion toy
3 Drawer part
4 Mouselike animal
5 Conduct
6 So far
7 Roster
8 Pang
9 Woodlands grazer
11 More demure
12 Peony part
18 Writer — Bagnold
20 First name in advice
22 Mme.'s daughter
23 Plaid wearers
24 Kachina maker
25 Field of study
26 The Hawkeyes
27 Fencer's weapon
28 Type of interest
29 Responds
31 Type
35 Stack of wood
37 Veld grazer
38 Halos
39 Mom and Pop
41 Drew together
42 — — unto itself
43 — — speed
44 What mice do
45 Play in the kiddie pool
46 Really skimps
47 Mover and shaker
50 Crumb
52 "Exodus" name

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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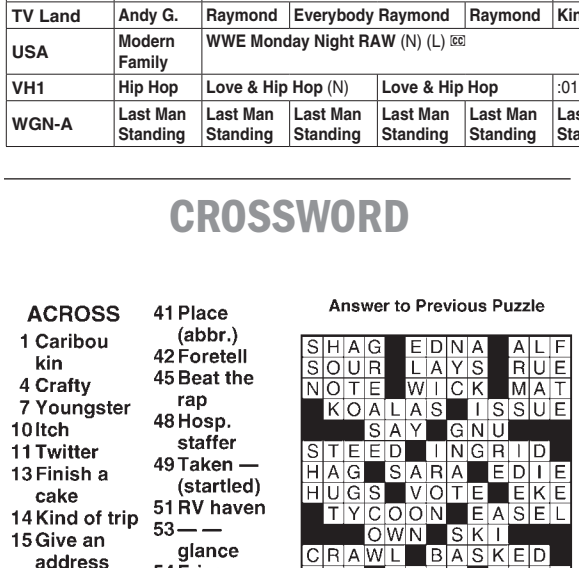

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MBUOJ

ODESU

TRYPET

CINLPE

I'm done with this darn computer.
Whoa! Did you try restarting it?
THE GUY WHO WASN'T TECH-SAVVY GOT SO FRUSTRATED WITH HIS COMPUTER THAT HE ---

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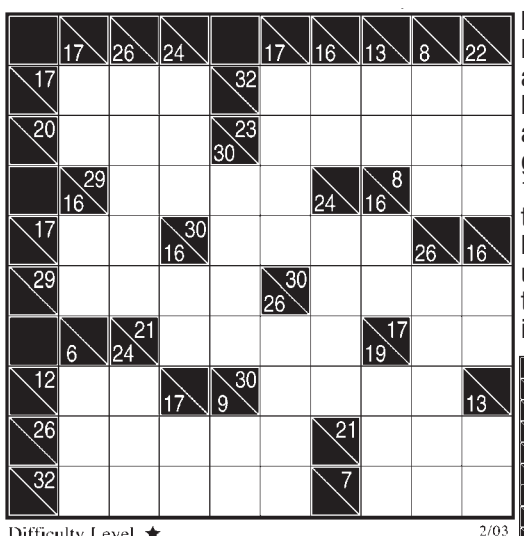
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____ _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

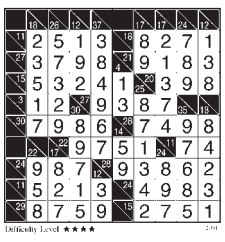
Saturday's Jumbles: PLUME WOUND TOWARD FUTILE
Answer: He didn't initially love the idea of buying the wood stove, but he — WARMED UP TO IT

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 2/03

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 2/03

BRIDGE

C.C. Wei was a Chinese shipping magnate who invented the Precision Club bidding system. He used to say that you learn a lot more by listening than by talking.

That is true, but sometimes providing information works better than receiving it. This can apply with a bridge hand. Should you describe it and allow partner to choose the final contract, or should you let partner describe his hand before picking the resting place?

That decision must be taken by North in today's deal. Look only at the North hand. South opens one spade. After West passes, what would be your plan?

This decision was faced by 16 robots at Bridge Base Online. All 16 made the same response: four hearts. This was a splinter bid, showing at least four-card spade support, game-going values or more and a singleton (or void) in hearts. That was fine as it went, but when South rebid four spades, what should North have done next?

At the time, 15 passed. The 16th continued with four no-trump, Roman Key Card Blackwood. South showed two key cards (here, two aces) and the spade queen (because he knew of a combined 10-card or better fit). North raised to six spades.

After a diamond lead, declarer drew trumps, discarded dummy's remaining diamond on the second high heart and played a club. South lost only to that ace.

I think it is much better for North to respond two no-trump, the Jacoby Forcing Raise. After South rebids three clubs (showing a singleton or void there), North control-bids three diamonds, South control-bids three hearts, and then North can launch RKCB.

North 02-03-20
♠ K J 7 5
♥ 9
♦ A 7
♣ K Q 10 6 5 3

West
♠ Q 4
♥ 10 8 7 3
♦ 10 8 6 4
♣ A 7 2

East
♠ 3
♥ Q 6 5 4
♦ K Q J 3 2
♣ J 9 4

South
♠ A 10 9 8 6 2
♥ A K J 2
♦ 9 5
♣ 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	??	

Opening lead: ♦ 4

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

6	1			3	2			
	7			5	8	2	4	1
5	2		7		4		9	3
			3			4		
3				8				5
		6			9			
8	3		4		1		7	6
4	9	1	8	7			5	
			5	9			1	4

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	9	4	5	2	8	1	7	6
7	1	5	9	6	3	4	2	8
2	8	6	7	1	4	3	9	5
1	2	7	8	3	6	9	5	4
6	4	9	1	7	5	2	8	3
5	3	8	2	4	9	6	1	7
9	6	1	4	5	7	8	3	2
8	7	3	6	9	2	5	4	1
4	5	2	3	8	1	7	6	9

BEETLE BAILEY

I DON'T THINK YOU APPRECIATE THAT I'VE GIVEN YOU THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE
THOSE WERE YOUR BEST YEARS?!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT MY NEXT YEARS WILL BE LIKE!
GREG + MORT WALKER
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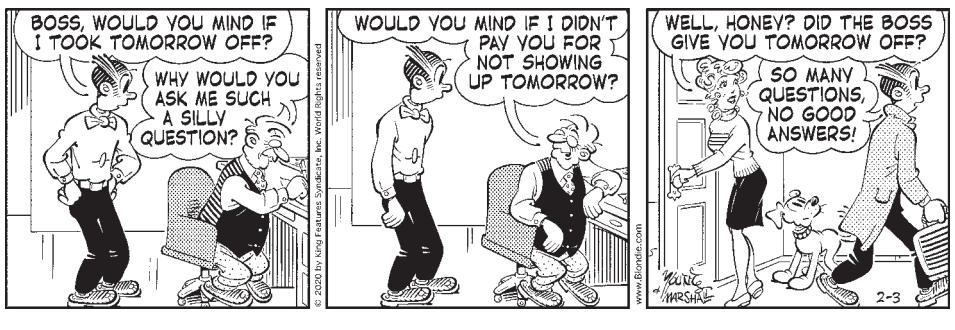
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WHY WOULD YOU ASK ME SUCH A SILLY QUESTION?
WOULD YOU MIND IF I DIDN'T PAY YOU FOR NOT SHOWING UP TOMORROW?
WELL, HONEY? DID THE BOSS GIVE YOU TOMORROW OFF?
SO MANY QUESTIONS, NO GOOD ANSWERS!
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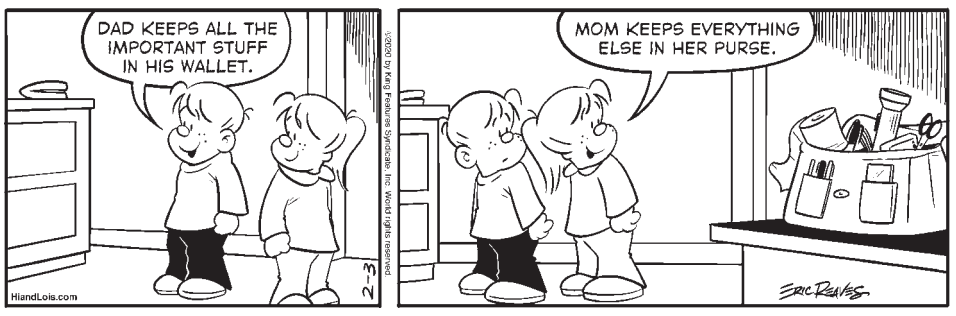
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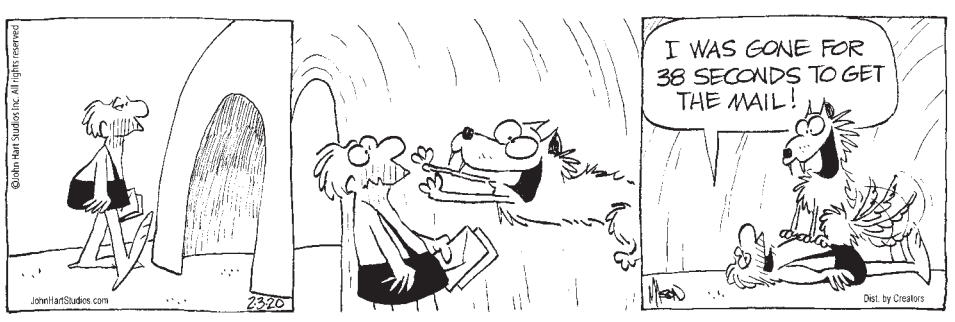
I WAS GONE FOR 38 SECONDS TO GET THE MAIL!
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WIZARD OF ID

MAGNIFICENT DRAGON YOU HAVE THERE!
WHY, THANK YOU
HOW DID YOU EVER GAIN CONTROL OVER SUCH A BEAST?
I TOLD HIM HE'S THE GOODEST BOY!
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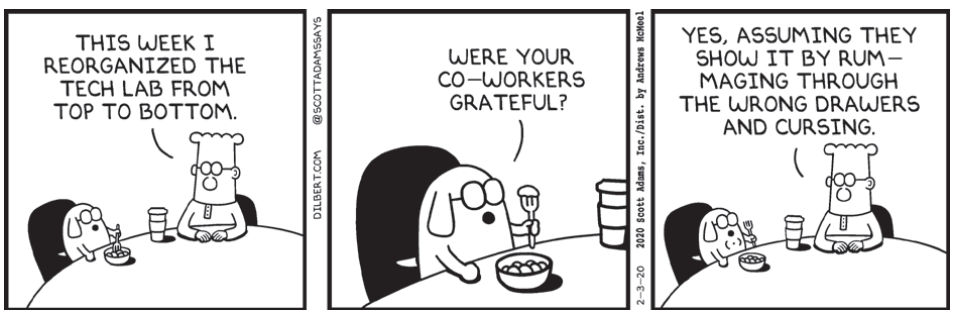
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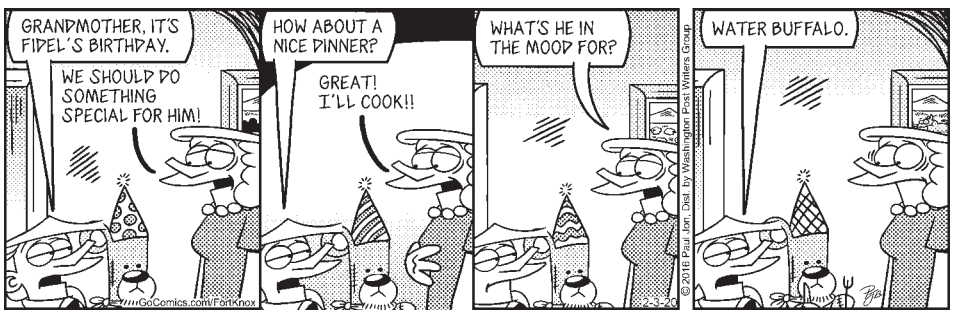
GRANDMOTHER, IT'S FIDEL'S BIRTHDAY.
WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HIM!
HOW ABOUT A NICE DINNER?
GREAT! I'LL COOK!!
WHAT'S HE IN THE MOOD FOR?
WATER BUFFALO.
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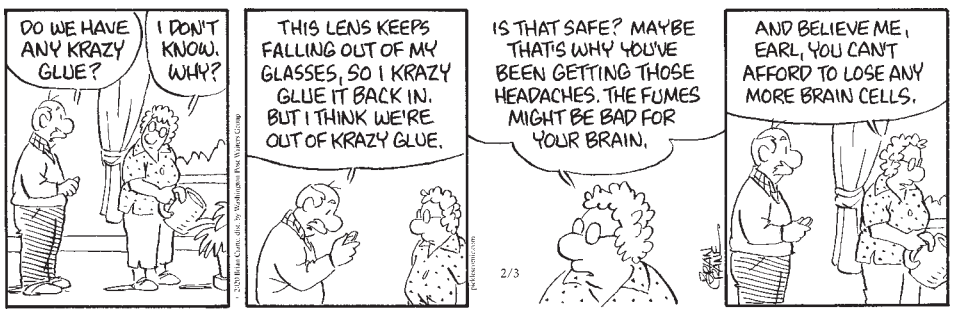
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I DON'T KNOW. WHY?
THIS LENS KEEPS FALLING OUT OF MY GLASSES, SO I KRAZY GLUE IT BACK IN. BUT I THINK WE'RE OUT OF KRAZY GLUE.
IS THAT SAFE? MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN GETTING THOSE HEADACHES. THE FUMES MIGHT BE BAD FOR YOUR BRAIN.
AND BELIEVE ME, EARL, YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE ANY MORE BRAIN CELLS.
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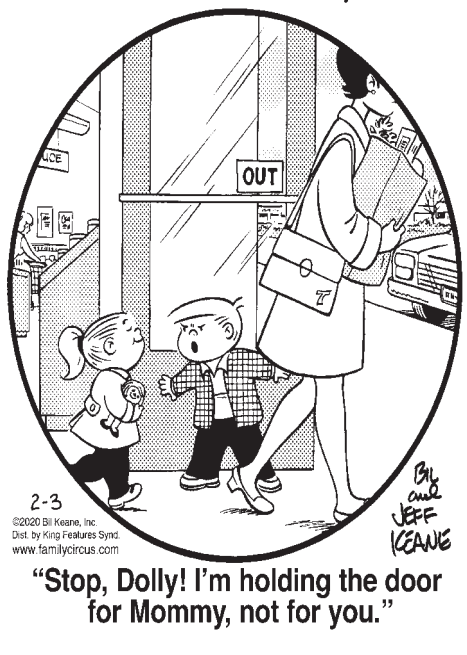

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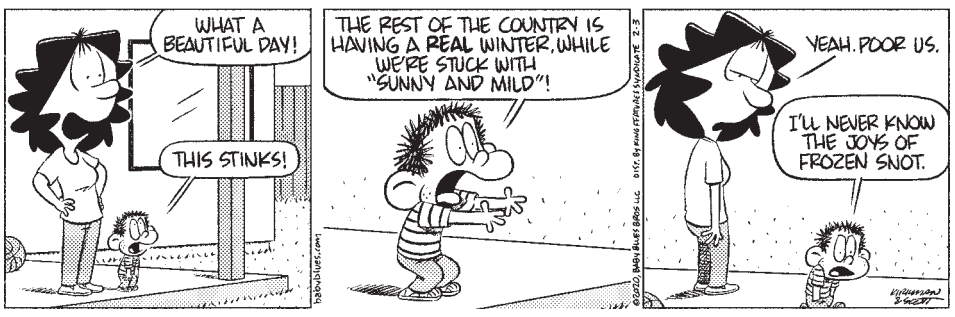
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!
THIS STINKS!
THE REST OF THE COUNTRY IS HAVING A REAL WINTER, WHILE WE'RE STUCK WITH "SUNNY AND MILD"!
YEAH. POOR US.
I'LL NEVER KNOW THE JOYS OF FROZEN SNOT.
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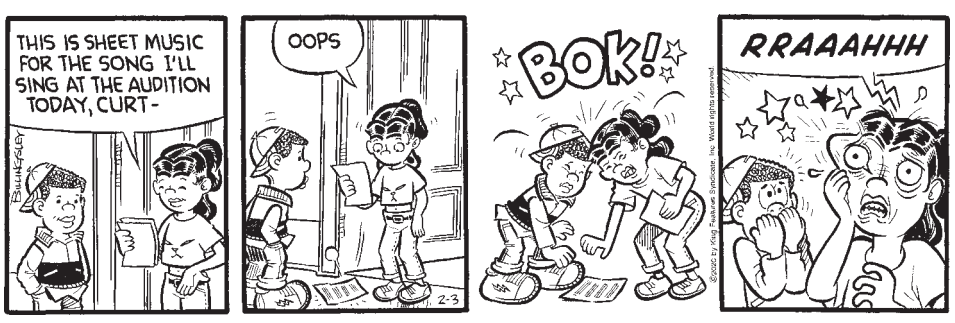
THIS IS SHEET MUSIC FOR THE SONG I'LL SING AT THE AUDITION TODAY, CURT-
OOPS
BOK!
RRAAAHHH
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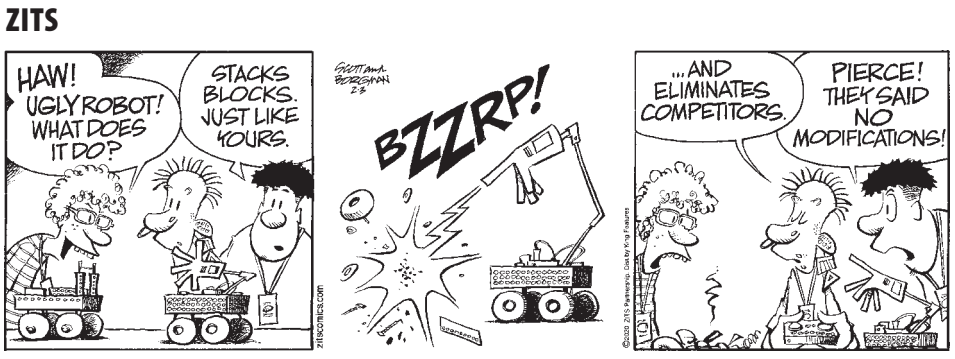

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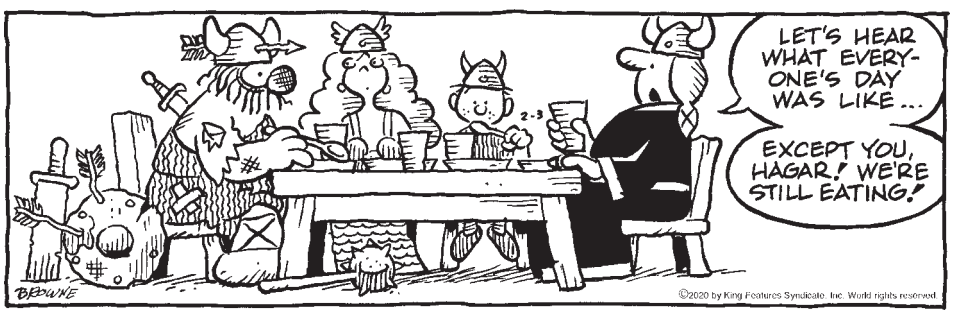
LET'S HEAR WHAT EVERY-ONE'S DAY WAS LIKE...
EXCEPT YOU, HAGAR! WE'RE STILL EATING!
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

I CAN STILL WEAR A TWO-PIECE BATHING SUIT.
...PROVIDED THE 2ND PIECE IS A MUUMUU
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MUTTS

SALLY FORTH

AFTER COCOONING IN THE HOUSE THE ENTIRE BLIZZARD, WE REALLY NEED TO CLEAN UP THIS PLACE.
AND I NEED TO START SHOVELING THE DRIVEWAY.
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIL TO HELP?
YOU KNOW, THAT NEVER OCCURS TO ME. I GUESS I'M JUST SO USED TO IMMEDIATELY HEADING OUT THERE AND DOING THINGS MYSELF.
"IMMEDIATELY"? LAST YEAR YOU WAITED FOR THE FINAL LEAF TO FALL BEFORE RAKING AND TODAY YOU TRIED TO CONVINCE US BLIZZARDS ALWAYS RETURN TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.
YEAH, I, UH... I WAS JUST SO COZY INSIDE.
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Britain to seek Canada-style free trade deal with EU

By GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON — Two days after Brexit, British officials pushed the European Union on Sunday for a Canada-style free trade arrangement as British Prime Minister Boris Johnson geared up for a key speech to spell out his government's negotiating stance.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab told Sky News that Britain will seek a deal that imposes very few tariffs even though he said Britain will not seek to align its regulations with the EU.

"We are taking back control of our laws, so we are not going to have high alignment with the EU and legislative alignment with their rules," Raab said. "We will want to cooperate and we expect the EU to follow through on their commitments to a Canada-style free trade agreement. That's what we are pursuing. There is a great opportunity here for win-win."

EU officials, despite offering friendly words to the British public over the weekend after the divorce that took effect Friday night, warn that Canada only achieved largely tariff-free trade status by bringing many of its rules into line with EU regulations. EU officials fear that the U.K. could water down its environment or health and safety precautions, undermining EU businesses.

The trade talks are vital because now that Britain has officially left the bloc – the first nation ever to do so – Johnson hopes to have a wide-ranging new deal in place by the end of the year.

After celebrating Brexit by banging on a gong in the final seconds before it took effect, Johnson planned to detail Britain's trade stance in a speech Monday.

The early battle lines in what will be a contentious process have now been drawn.

European leaders have said that Britain will not be able to get a deal like Canada's if it breaks significantly with EU rules on food safety, environmental standards, worker's rights and other matters impacting on public well-being.

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar on Sunday urged Johnson's Conservative government not to follow the mistakes of his predecessor by establishing "rigid red lines" that make it much more difficult to reach an agreement.

Varadkar did say he believes Johnson's reassurances that Britain "will not seek to undercut" the European Union when it comes to labor standards, environmental standards, product standards and health and safety.

"I don't believe that the U.K. is going to try to engage in a race to the bottom on issues like pay and workers rights and so on," Varadkar told the BBC.

Britain will also start reaching out to other countries about new trade arrangements now that it is out of the EU, even though EU rules remain in effect during an 11-month transition period. Raab plans trips to Japan and Australia this week to ramp up this effort.

Johnson spent the weekend out of the public eye ahead of a week that will mark a turning point in his government, which won a major election victory in December. Officials need to shift from "getting Brexit done" – Johnson's campaign slogan – to getting trade deals and actually governing the country.

Photos by Ben Curtis / AP

Ranger Gabriel Lesoipa is surrounded by desert locusts as he and a ground team relay the coordinates of the swarm to a plane spraying pesticides Saturday in Nasuulu Conservancy, northern Kenya. As locusts by the billions descend on parts of Kenya in the worst outbreak in 70 years, small planes are flying low over affected areas to spray pesticides in what experts call the only effective control.

Spray planes combat huge locust outbreak in East Africa

By JOE MWIHIA, JOSPHAT KASIRE and BEN CURTIS
Associated Press

A plane spraying pesticides flies over a swarm of desert locusts in Nasuulu Conservancy, Kenya.

NASUULU CONSERVANCY, Kenya — As locusts by the billions – yes, billions – descend on parts of Kenya in the worst outbreak in 70 years, small planes are flying low over affected areas to spray pesticides in what experts call the only effective control.

It is challenging work, especially in remote areas where mobile phone signals are absent and ground crews cannot quickly communicate coordinates to flight teams.

The ground crews are in "the most woeful terrains," Marcus Dunn, a pilot and the director at Farmland Aviation, said Saturday. "If there is no network, then the fellow on a boda boda (motorcycle), he has to rush off now and go and get a network."

Just five planes are currently spraying as Kenyan and other authorities try to stop the locusts from spreading to neighboring Uganda and South Sudan. The United Nations has said $76 million is needed immediately to widen such efforts across East Africa.

A fast response is crucial. Experts warn that if left unchecked, the number of locusts could grow by 500 times by June, when drier weather will help bring the outbreak under control.

The finger-length locusts swept into Kenya from Somalia and Ethiopia after unusually heavy rains in recent months, decimating crops in some areas and threatening millions of vulnerable people with a hunger crisis.

Somalia's agriculture ministry on Sunday called the outbreak a national emergency and major threat to the country's fragile food security, saying the "uncommonly large" locust swarms are consuming huge amounts of crops.

In swarms the size of major cities, the locusts also have affected parts of Sudan, Djibouti and Eritrea, whose agriculture ministry says both the military and general public have been deployed to combat them.

Kenya's agriculture minister has acknowledged that authorities weren't prepared for the scope of the infestation this year. That's not surprising, considering it's been decades since the country's last comparable outbreak, U.N. officials say.

The locusts also are heading toward the breadbasket of Ethiopia, Africa's second-most populous country, in that nation's worst outbreak in 25 years. On Thursday, startled residents of Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, started reported sightings of the insects.

"I was surprised to find the locusts inside my living room," said one resident, Mathewos Girma, showing a photo on his mobile phone. "It appears it is knocking on each and every one of our doors."

More homes destroyed in Australia wildfires

By ROD McGUIRK
Associated Press

Fire burns in the grass along the road as firetrucks pass by near Bumbalong, south of the Australian capital, Canberra, on Saturday. The threat is posed by a blaze on Canberra's southern fringe that has razed more than 53,000 acres since it was sparked by heat from a military helicopter landing light on Monday.
Rick Rycroft / AP

CANBERRA, Austrralia — Dozens of homes were destroyed overnight in Australia's southeast but the wildfire threat had diminished by Sunday across New South Wales state and around the national capital Canberra, officials said.

Bega Valley Mayor Kristy McBain said damage in her region 150 miles south of Canberra had yet to be assessed by the New South Wales Rural Fire Service.

"There have been additional homes lost in the Bega Valley," McBain said.

"We're talking probably dozens more. We want to make sure we continue to support our community. This fire isn't over yet," she added.

She said the overnight fire brought losses of homes in the valley to more than 400 in the current fire season.

Rural Fire Service spokesman Greg Allan said damage assessment teams had yet to confirm media reports of homes lost near the village of Bumbalong, 57 miles south of Canberra.

A dangerous fire threatened southern Canberra and the nearby village of Tharwa. The fire had burnt 136,000 acres of forest and farmland by Sunday, with a perimeter 92 miles long, the Australian Capital Territory Emergency Services Agency said.

Residents close to the fire front were warned on Sunday to remain vigilant.

Ecuador president slammed for comments about harassment

By GONZALO SOLANO
Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador — Ecuador's President Lenín Moreno has scrambled to apologize for comments suggesting women tend to complain about sexual harassment when it comes from ugly people.

In a speech to investors Friday in the port city of Guayaquil, Moreno said men were under threat of being denounced for harassment and added, "at times, with harassment, they torment ugly people.

"That is to say, that the harassment is when it comes from an ugly person," he added. "But if the person looks good according to the standards, they tend not to think necessarily that it is harassment."

That prompted immediate outrage from women's rights activists and others.

Governing party congresswoman Soleda Buendía complained on Twitter that Moreno "justifies and reproduces violence against women. You can't joke about harassmant, rape, femicide, trafficking, sexual exploitation.... Nothing justifies expressions that revictimize us!"

The Women for Change organization joined in: "It is not that everything now looks to women like harassment, it is that to machos like you it has never seemed bad to harass!" the group tweeted.

Moreno then tried to apologize.

"In my comment about harassment, I did not intend to minimize such a grave topic as violence or abuses," he tweeted. "I apologize if it was understood that way. I reject violence against women in all forms!"

Women's rights activist Silvia Buendía said that machismo is "structural" in Ecuador and "everyone from the president to a common citizen needs to understand what we are talking about when we talk about violence against women."

IN BRIEF

Al-Qaida in Yemen claims deadly Florida naval base shooting

CAIRO (AP) — Al-Qaida's branch in Yemen claimed responsibility Sunday for last year's deadly shooting at the Naval Air Station Pensacola by an aviation student from Saudi Arabia.

The shooter, 2nd Lt. Mohammed Saeed Alshamrani, was a member of the Saudi Air Force in training at the base. He opened fire inside a classroom at the base on Dec. 6, killing three people and wounding two sheriff's deputies before one of the deputies killed him.

Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP, released a video claiming the attack. SITE Intelligence Group, which tracks messaging by militant groups, reported the claim.

Iraqi protesters reject PM-designate

BAGHDAD (AP) — Anti-government demonstrators on Sunday rejected Iraq's new prime minister-designate following his nomination by rival government factions, compounding the challenges he'll have to surmount in order to resolve months of civil unrest.

Meanwhile, new divisions emerged among protesters and supporters of a maverick and often inscrutable Shiite cleric, who initially threw his weight behind the uprising but now is re-positioning himself toward the political establishment, after elites selected a candidate for prime minister that he endorsed.

On Sunday, Muqtada al-Sadr told his followers camped out among protesters in the capital and in the country's south to unblock roads and restore normalcy.

Saturday's selection of former Communications Minister Mohammed Allawi, 66, to replace outgoing Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi was the product of months of back-room talks between rival parties. Hundreds of students voiced their rejection of Allawi at rallies in Baghdad and in southern Iraq.

20 dead in stampede at church service

DODOMA, Tanzania (AP) — Twenty people have died and a dozen others were injured in a stampede during a church meeting in the northern Tanzanian city of Moshi, the government said Sunday.

The stampede was caused by church faithful being ushered to pass through one exit at the meeting venue so they could walk on "anointed oil," according to a statement by a government spokesman.

Hundreds of worshippers attended the prayer meeting Saturday led by Boniface Mwamposa, a popular preacher who heads the Arise and Shine Ministry Tanzania.

Tanzania's Interior Minister George Simbachawene said Mwamposa had been arrested. Simbachawene said the government will review the associations act, with the intention of strengthening the requirements to register as a church.

Driver charged after 4 children killed on Sydney sidewalk

SYDNEY (AP) — An allegedly drunken driver has been charged with 20 offenses including manslaughter after a SUV struck seven children on a Sydney sidewalk, killing four and seriously injuring a fifth.

The children were walking to buy ice cream when they were struck Saturday evening by a vehicle driven by Samuel Davidson, police said.

Three of the children killed were siblings and their brother was taken to a hospital in serious condition. The fourth child killed was the daughter of their father's cousin.

The father, Danny Abdallah, told reporters on Sunday he was heartbroken.

"I don't know what to say. I'm numb," Abdallah said. "All I want to say is please, drivers, be careful."

His children Antony, 13, Angelina, 12 and Sienna, 9, were killed. Their 10-year-old bother was in serious but stable condition.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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TRIAL COURT-FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF PARENTAL-RIGHTS TERMINATION HEARING

CASE NO. 2018-0096-NA-D

Courthouse, 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085
269-982-8613

TO: Respondent mother, Kortney Payton

IN THE MATTER OF:
KAYDEN FEDORE (2/10/09); KOLTYN FEDORE (5/31/10); KYLER FEDORE (10/20/11); KEEGYN FEDORE (12/17/12)

A hearing regarding termination of parental rights will be conducted by the court on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 2:30 p.m at the Berrien County Courthouse, St. Joseph, MI Courtroom 327.
This hearing may result in the termination of your parental rights. You have the right to an attorney. There is no right to a jury at this hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Kortney Payton personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

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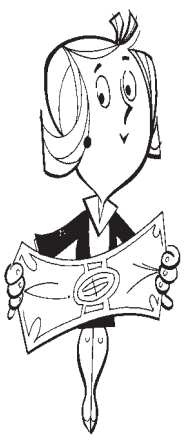

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If you take action and do your own thing, you will gain popularity. Speak your mind and make a difference in your community. It's time to transform your life to suit your needs and to achieve your dreams, hopes and wishes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Domestic problems will try your patience. Excessive behavior will make matters worse. An unexpected turn of events regarding your position or workplace will help you make a positive change.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't get into an argument with someone who threatens your principles. Everyone has a right to his or her own opinion. Agree to disagree. Spend your time spreading love and peace.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The help you offer others will lead someone to make a suggestion that could result in a refreshing vocational change. Share your good fortune with someone special.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Overreacting will not be the way to go. Take a step back and put your emotional energy into something constructive. A creative endeavor will help ease stress and get you back on track.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be careful. Delays or problems while traveling are likely, along with misunderstandings and injury if you are impulsive or careless. Slow down, don't believe everything you hear and take better care of yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't lend or borrow money or possessions. Offer suggestions if someone tries to enlist your help. What you do emotionally and physically for someone will be of greater value than financial assistance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Home improvement projects will cost more than anticipated. Try to stay within budget and stick to the facts and figures when dealing with contractors or workers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Enjoy the company of people who share your beliefs or interests. Taking business trips, engaging in interviews or reconnecting with a former co-worker will be informative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Live within your means. Extravagance will get you in trouble with someone who shares your expenses. If you discuss plans openly, sound advice will be forthcoming. Romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take the path that intrigues you the most. Don't settle for something that doesn't live up to your standards. Listen to someone who supports your lifestyle and plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take better care of your emotional and physical well-being. Listen to what others have to say, but don't make a move without getting the facts firsthand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not lend or borrow money or possessions. Walk away from situations that annoy you. Offer assistance to people you know are willing to work as hard as you.

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